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1.01 Purpose and Compliance

A. The purpose of these Zoning Regulations is to implement the Municipal Plan of the Town of Colchester; to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, utilities, schools, parks, and other public requirements; and to preserve the value of property, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town of Colchester, with reasonable consideration for the character of each locality and its peculiar suitability for particular use, under and pursuant to the Vermont Planning and Development Act (Title 24 V.S.A., Chapter 117), as amended.

B. Accordingly the following are hereby restricted and regulated as hereinafter provided:

- (1) dimensions, location, erection, construction, repair, maintenance, alteration, razing, removal, and use of buildings and other structures;
- (2) density of population;
- (3) intensity of use;
- (4) areas and dimensions of land and bodies of water to be occupied by uses and structures, as well as areas, courts, yards, and other open spaces and distances to be left unoccupied by uses and structures;
- (5) percentage of lot area that may be occupied and the size of yards and setbacks;
- (6) use of land for trade, industry, residence, or other purposes, and of watercourses and other bodies of water.

C. No provision in any such ordinance, law, restriction, covenant, or undertaking shall be deemed to justify noncompliance with any provision in this chapter.

1.02 Title

These provisions shall be known and may be cited as the Colchester Zoning Regulations.

1.03 Severability

Should any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of these zoning regulations be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other portion of these land development regulations, except the section in question.

1.04 Repealer

This Article shall not be deemed to amend, repeal, or impair any requirement in any ordinance or law or in any deed restriction or covenant or in any other undertaking among private persons.

1.05 Relation to Other Ordinances of the Town of Colchester

If the provisions of these regulations conflict with the provisions of any other valid and enforceable ordinance(s), such as the Town's Subdivision Regulations, or Colchester Code of Ordinances Chapters Four, Seven, Eight, Ten or Fourteen, the more strict shall prevail.

1.06 Effective Date and Implementation

These regulations shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after the date of adoption by the Colchester Select Board. On the date these regulations become effective, they will amend in its entirety the comprehensive revision of the Town of Colchester Zoning Regulations effective December 21, 2004 and as amended through November 30, 2004.

1.07 Applicability of Regulations

A. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. Except where the text of these Regulations provides otherwise, the size and dimension of lots and yards, lot coverage, and density for all districts, except overlay districts, shall be as shown in Table A-2, Dimensional Standards.

B. Minimum Requirements. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of these regulations shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare.

C. Primacy of Zoning Regulations. Where these regulations impose a greater restriction than imposed or required by other provisions of law or by other laws, rules, regulations, resolutions or ordinances, the provisions of these regulations shall control.

D. Conflict with other Regulations or Private Restrictions. The provisions of these regulations shall not be construed to abrogate or annul the provisions of other ordinances or regulations or to impair private restrictions placed upon property.

Where these regulations impose a greater restriction upon land, buildings, or structures than is imposed by any such provision, the restrictions of these regulations shall control.

E. Most Recent Amendment in Effect. Any citation of a statute, law, rule, regulation or ordinance contained in these regulations shall be deemed to refer to such statute, law, rule, regulation or ordinance as amended, whether or not such designation is included in the citation.

F. Measuring. Unless otherwise specified, all distances shall be measured horizontally. Required frontage shall be contiguous.

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- 2.01 Establishment of District and Description of Certain Districts
- A. For the purpose of these regulations, the Town of Colchester is hereby divided into the districts shown on the Official Zoning Map. This Zoning Regulation also contains provisions for overlay districts.
- 1. Residential Districts
 - R-3 Residential Three District
 - R-2 Residential Two District
 - R-1 Residential One District
 - R-5 Residential Five District
 - R-10 Residential Ten District
 - 2. General Development Districts
 - GD1 General Development One
 - GD2 General Development Two
 - GD3 General Development Three
 - GD4 General Development Four
 - 3. Commercial & Industrial Districts
 - COM Commercial District
 - IND Industrial District
 - BD Business District
 - 4. Other Districts
 - AGR Agricultural District
 - MHP Mobile Home Park District

FP Flood Plain District
AMU Agricultural Mixed Use District

5. Overlay Districts

GD4C General Development Four Commercial District
SD Shoreland District
WPD Water Protection District
HPD Historic Preservation District
TDRD Transferable Development Rights District

B. Description of Certain Districts.

1. Flood Plain District. The boundaries of the Floodplain District shall include those areas that are identified and defined as areas of special flood hazard in and on the most current flood insurance studies and maps published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as provided by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 753, which are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of these regulations. This regulation does not imply that the land outside of the Floodplain District is free from flood or erosion damages. This regulation shall not create liability on the part of the Town of Colchester, or any municipal official or employee thereof, for any flood or erosion damages that result from reliance on this regulation or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.

2. Water Protection District. The boundaries of the Water Protection District shall include: 1) those areas that are identified and defined as Class I and II wetlands as designated by the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps published by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as all lands within 50 feet horizontal distance of these wetlands, and 2) surface waters and associated buffers as described in Section 7.04 herein and as depicted on the Overlays Districts Map. Final determination of wetland and surface water location and associated boundaries shall be made by a professional wetland/aquatic biologist in case of conflict.

2.02 Official Maps and Other Maps

A. Official Zoning Map. The Official Zoning Map describes the different and separate districts of the Town of Colchester set forth in Section 2.01. The Official Zoning Map is filed in the office of the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

B. Overlay Districts Map. The Overlay Districts Map describes the different and separate overlay districts of the Town of Colchester set forth in Section 2.01. The

Overlay Districts Map is filed in the office of the Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference.

C. Official Map. The Official Map of the Town of Colchester is adopted pursuant to Section 4421, Title 24 VSA Chapter 117, as amended, filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and incorporated herein by reference. No zoning permit may be issued for any land development within the lines of any street, drainageway, park, school, or other public facility shown on the official map, except as specifically provided in 24 V.S.A Section 4421.

2.03 District Boundaries

A. Interpretation of District Boundaries

1. Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map, the Planning Commission shall determine the location, aided by the rules set forth in this section.
2. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets or highways shall be construed to follow such center lines.
3. Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed to follow such lot lines.
4. Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to follow the center line of the railroad right-of-way.
5. Boundaries indicated as following shorelines shall be construed to follow such shorelines, and in the event of change in the shoreline such boundaries shall be construed as moving with the actual shoreline.
6. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streams, rivers, canals, lakes, or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such center lines.
7. Boundaries indicated as approximately following Town limits shall be construed to follow such Town limits.
8. Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in subsections 1 through 6 above shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the Official Zoning Map or described under each zone shall be determined by the scale of the map.

B. Interpretation by Planning Commission. Where physical or cultural features existing on the ground are inconsistent with those shown on the Official Zoning Map, or in other circumstances not covered by subsections 1 through 8 above, the Planning Commission shall interpret the district boundaries.

C. Split Lots. Where a district boundary line divides a lot which was in a single ownership at the time of passage of these regulations, the Development Review Board may permit, as a conditional use, the extension of the regulations for either portion of the lot but not to exceed fifty (50) feet beyond the district line into the remaining portion of the lot. This provision shall not apply to the boundary lines of any overlay district.

D. Zone Change Requests. The Planning Commission may consider applications for zone change requests and requests to amend the Official Zoning Map within one year of adoption of the Town's Municipal Plan. The process for such consideration shall be as follows:

1. The applicant shall be the owner of the land and a written request shall be submitted to the Colchester Planning Commission care of the **Director of Planning & Zoning** ~~Town Planner~~.
2. The Planning Commission may consider the request informally as part of a regular business meeting and set a time to officially hear the request in light of current business. The Planning Commission may defer the request to the Commission's regular review of the Zoning Regulations that typically follows the adoption of the Municipal Plan.
3. If the Commission sets a time to officially hear the request, public notice shall be given. After public notice, the Commission will hold a public hearing at which time the applicant will be asked to present information to indicate the impacts that the requested rezoning of land would have on the community and Municipal Plan. The Commission shall first review the proposed request for conformance with the duly adopted Municipal Plan. Only if the Commission issues positive findings on conformance with the Municipal Plan shall the Commission further consider the request. In further considering the request, the Commission shall consider the following criteria in its review:
 - (a) Impact of growth – The proposed request shall not significantly affect the financial ability of the Town to provide services.
 - (b) Public investment –The proposed change shall not significantly diminish the value of public utility investments and present or future government investments.
 - (c) Use impact – The proposed change shall be compatible or complement adjacent land use patterns.
 - (d) Natural Resources–The proposed change shall not result in a decline in water quality from increased urban runoff, or shoreline development or loss of wetlands. The proposed change shall not adversely impact natural resources or create fragmentation of open space or wildlife habitat.
 - (e) Agricultural Resources–Wherever feasible, the proposed change shall not adversely affect the continuation of farming or forestry on the property or adjacent properties. Wherever feasible, the Commission shall do nothing to adversely affect the viability of farming in Colchester.

2.04 Lots

A. Frontage Calculation. All lots shall require frontage on a public street or way of a minimum specified in Table A-2. The Interstate and Circumferential Highway rights-of-way and public waters shall not be considered frontage. Required frontage shall be contiguous.

B. Reduction of Frontage. No lot frontage shall be so reduced in frontage such that the coverage, setbacks, or other requirements of these regulations shall be smaller than herein prescribed for each district except as provided in Article Nine herein.

C. Reduction of Lot Size. No lot shall be so reduced in area that the lot size, coverage, setbacks, or other requirements of these regulations shall be smaller than herein prescribed for each district except as provided in Article Nine herein.

D. Corner Lots. In cases where a lot has frontage on two streets, the lot shall be deemed a corner lot and shall have two frontages. In cases where a lot has frontage on a public street and on a private right-of-way, the lot shall be deemed a corner lot and shall have two frontages.

E. Pre-Existing Small Lots.

1. Any lot that is legally subdivided, is in individual and separate and non-affiliated ownership from the surrounding properties, and is in existence on the date of enactment of any bylaw, including an interim bylaw, the enactment of which rendered the lot nonconforming because of the minimum lot size requirements of said bylaw, may be developed for the purposes permitted in the district in which the lot is located, provided:

- (a) such lot is not less than one-eighth acre in area and not less than forty feet in width and depth; and
- (b) such development complies with Chapter Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances; and
- (c) such development meets all the dimensional requirements for the district in which it is located.

The Development Review Board or Zoning Administrator may require a survey for the lot in question. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that an existing small lot has been at any time in common ownership with any contiguous lot, said existing small lot shall be deemed merged with said contiguous lot and may not be separately conveyed; provided, however such lot may be conveyed if:

- (a) lots are conveyed in their preexisting, nonconforming configuration, and
- (b) on the effective date of the bylaw causing the nonconformity, each lot was developed with a potable water supply and wastewater disposal system, and
- (c) at the time of transfer, each water supply and wastewater system is functioning properly, and
- (d) the deeds of conveyance create appropriate easements on both lots for replacement of one or more wastewater systems, potable water supply, or both if applicable, in the event of a failed system or failed supply as defined in 10 V.S.A. Chapter 64.

2. For any lot shown on a plat approved by the Planning Commission and recorded in Colchester Land Records, the requirements of individual and separate and non-affiliated ownership shall not apply and the lots shall not be deemed merged.

F. Preexisting Lots with No Road Frontage.

1. No land development may be permitted on preexisting lots which do not have frontage on a public road except as provided below. Specifically exempted from this process are: 1) repairs and maintenance of existing uses, 2) the construction of accessory structures, 3) alterations to existing dwelling units that do not increase the number of dwelling units, the number of bedrooms or increase the square footage of the dwelling by more than fifty percent.

2. The Development Review Board may, through the site plan application process, approve development of preexisting lots with no frontage on a public street, as long as access to such a street by a permanent easement or right-of-way at least twenty (20) feet in width is provided. In approving a site plan application the DRB shall consider:

(a) Safe Passage. The access may be required to be brought up to Town standards per Colchester Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 or as close thereto as is practicable in the judgment of the Development Review Board. The Development Review Board may also impose conditions to insure the maintenance and permanency of a private right-of-way and to insure that a right-of-way will not place a burden on municipal services.

(b) For a lot with no frontage, the property line that abuts or is closest to the private right-of-way shall be construed as the front lot line and shall determine the front yard.

(c) The Development Review Board shall find that the proposed development does not adversely effect:

- (1) The capacity of existing or planned community facilities including but not limited to water supply, sewage per Chapter 8 of the Colchester Code of Ordinances, fire fighting capability per Chapter 7 of the Colchester Code of Ordinances, and school bus service;
- (2) The character of the area;
- (3) Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity;
- (4) The Town's Municipal Plan and Bylaws and other Ordinances or Regulations in effect;

2.05 Setbacks and Buffer

A. General Provisions. The size and dimensions of setbacks shall be as indicated in Table A-2, Dimensional Standards, unless otherwise provided in these Regulations.

B. Arterial and Collector Streets.

1. For the arterial and collector streets listed below, minimum front setbacks shall be forty-five (45) feet from the edge of the right-of-way or greater if so provided elsewhere in this Section 2.05.

ROAD / STREET

Route 2A (*a.k.a. Main Street*)

Route 2

Route 7 (*a.k.a. Ethan Allen Highway; South of Chimney Corners is Roosevelt Highway*)

Route 15 (*a.k.a. College Parkway*)

East Road

Malletts Bay Avenue

Holy Cross Road

Severance Road (outside of the GD3 District)

Blakely Road (outside of the General Development Districts)

2. For the arterial streets listed below, the minimum front setbacks shall be seventy-five (75) feet from the edge of the right-of-way or greater if so provided elsewhere in this Section 2.05.

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3. Planned Arterial and Collector Streets. Planned public arterial and collector streets, as designated by the Official Map, shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 2.05 and any lot frontage requirements.

C. Yards Abutting a Planned Right-of-Way, Sidewalk or Bikepath. The dedication of public road rights-of-way, excluding Interstate 89 and 289, shall not reduce the area and property lines used to determine conformance of any pre-existing lot and/or structure's area and coverage, and setback requirements as stated in Section 2.05 and Table A-2 of this Regulation. Evidence of the pre-existing area and property line conditions must be recorded in the Town Land Records prior to the dedication of the public rights-of-way affecting the pre-existing lot and/or structure. All new lots or substantial redevelopment of a pre-existing lot shall have a minimum setback from a right-of-way designated for a planned public right-of-way, sidewalk or bikepath equal to the front setback requirement for the district in which the lot exists, unless the yards abut any of those streets listed above in Section 2.05B, in which case the minimum setback of Section 2.05B shall apply from the edge of the planned right-of-way.

D. Setback Calculation. The horizontal distance between a lot line, including lease lot lines, and the nearest line or point of a structure. The nearest line or point of a structure shall include but not be limited to: roof eaves, window bays, stairs,

attached structures such as decks, foundations, slabs, and pillars. **In the Mobile Home Park District where lease lot lines are not delineated, side yard setbacks shall be measured between structures by multiplying the setbacks of Table A-2 by two.**

E. Traffic Visibility Across Yards. No shrubbery, fences, walls, or other visual obstructions shall be erected, maintained, or planted on any lot that obstructs or interferes with traffic visibility or access for emergency vehicles as required in Chapter Seven of the Colchester Code of Ordinances. In the case of corner lots, such restricted area shall be the triangular area formed by the lot lines along the streets and a line connecting them at points thirty (30) feet from the intersection of the lot lines.

F. Setback from Slopes. The minimum setback from a slope exceeding 45 degrees (See Appendix B) shall be fifty (50) feet.

G. Structures Requiring Setbacks. Except as specifically provided elsewhere in these Regulations, the front, side, and rear setback provisions in Section 2.05 shall apply to all structures, except for fences under six (6) feet in height, sidewalks and other pedestrian ways, driveways, single family and residential parking lots, .

H. Front Setbacks. In the case of nonresidential uses, not more than thirty percent (30%) of the area of the required front setback shall be used for driveways and parking and the balance shall be suitably landscaped and maintained in good appearance. No portion of the required front setback shall be used for storage or for any other purpose except as provided in this section. In addition, a continuous strip fifteen (15) feet in width traversed only by driveways and sidewalks shall be maintained between the street right-of-way line and the balance of the lot, which strip should be landscaped and maintained in good appearance. This provision shall apply also to yards that abut a right-of-way designated for a future street. Along Prim Road, Heineberg Drive, and Porter's Point Road between Heineberg Drive and Church Road~~Street~~, the width of the continuous strip shall be increased to twenty (20) feet for all new development. In the case of residential uses, not more than fifty percent (50%) of the area of the required front setback shall be used for driveways and parking and the balance shall be suitably landscaped and maintained in good appearance. No portion of the required front setback shall be used for storage or for any other purpose except as provided in this section.

I. Buffer Strip for Non-Residential Uses Adjacent to Residential District Boundaries.

1. Where a new non-residential use is adjacent to or within fifty (50) feet of the boundary of a residential district, or where an existing non-residential use, structure or parking area that is adjacent to or within fifty (50) feet of the boundary of a residential district is proposed to be expanded, altered or enlarged, the required side or rear setback shall be increased to fifty (50) feet. A strip not less than fifteen (15) feet wide within the fifty (50) foot setback shall be landscaped with dense

evergreens, fencing, and/or other plantings as a screen. New external light fixtures shall not ordinarily be permitted within the fifteen (15) foot wide buffer area.

2. The Development Review Board may permit new or expanded nonresidential uses, structures and/or parking areas, and new external light fixtures, within the setback and/or buffer as set forth in (1) above, and may approve a modification of the width of the required setback and/or landscaped buffer as set forth in (1) above. In doing so the DRB shall find that the proposed lighting, landscaping and/or fencing to be provided adjacent to the boundary of the residential district will provide equivalent screening of the noise, light and visual impacts of the new non-residential use to that which would be provided by the standard setback and buffer requirements in (1) above. However, in no case may the required side or rear setback be reduced below the standard requirement for the zoning district in which the non-residential use is located.

J. Exceptions to Setback Requirements for Lots Existing Prior to January 1, 1990. This provision is intended per 24 V.S.A. Section 4414(8) to provide relief to lots unduly burdened by zoning requirements adopted after the creation of said lots. The following exceptions to setbacks shall be permitted for lots that meet the following criteria: the lot was in existence prior to January 1, 1990, and the existing principal use on the lot is a single family dwelling or a two-family dwelling.

1. Side and Rear Setbacks. A structure may encroach into the required side or rear setback up to a distance equal to 50% of the side or rear setback requirement of the district, but in no event shall a structure have a side setback of less than ten (10) feet ~~or~~ **unless a lawful existing encroachment exists. If there is a lawful existing encroachment a structure may be enlarged within the setback up to the existing point of encroachment. In no event shall the encroachment** conflict with the required setbacks of Colchester Code of Ordinances Chapter Eight. The applicant shall prove that the proposed structure can not be reasonably constructed elsewhere on the lot so as not to encroach. The proposed structure shall be designed to minimize encroachment.

2. Front Setbacks. A structure may encroach into a required front setback ~~up to the average front setback of principal structures on adjacent lots on the same street frontage,~~ but in no event shall a structure have a front setback of less than twenty (20) feet ~~or~~ **unless a lawful existing encroachment exists. If there is a lawful existing encroachment a structure may be enlarged within the setback up to the existing point of encroachment. In no event shall the encroachment** conflict with the required setbacks of Colchester Code of Ordinances Chapter Eight. The applicant shall prove that the proposed structure can not be reasonably constructed elsewhere on the lot so as not to encroach. The proposed structure shall be designed to minimize encroachment.

3. Processing of a Request. Any request under sections (1) - (3) above to expand an existing structure, or place a new structure may require the

submission of survey data prepared by a licensed surveyor showing the location of affected property lines, existing and/or proposed structures, and any other information deemed necessary by the Zoning Administrator.

K. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or Building & Fire Codes. An application to construct an access that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be exempt from required setbacks provided the applicant can demonstrate to the Zoning Administrator that such access can not reasonably be constructed elsewhere on the lot to comply with setbacks. Access shall include, but not be limited to, ramps, elevators, lifts, grading and filling, impervious area, and other amenities required under the American with Disabilities Act. An application to construct a fire escape or other mean of emergency egress required by Chapters Four and Seven of the Colchester Code of Ordinances shall be exempt from required setbacks provided the applicant can demonstrate to the Zoning Administrator that such access can not reasonably be constructed elsewhere on the lot to comply with setbacks.

2.06 Height of Structures

A. General Provisions. Except as specifically provided elsewhere in these Regulations, the height provisions in Section 2.06 and Appendix A-2 shall apply to all structures except Telecommunication Facilities and Wind Turbines as defined herein. Maximum allowable building heights are illustrated in Appendix B, Height of Structures.

B. Pre-Construction Grade. For the purpose of regulating height under this section, pre-construction grade shall be defined as the grade existing on property on the date of an application under the Colchester Zoning Regulations for any development approval (variance, conditional use approval, building permit, site plan approval), unless another grade has been established as the pre-construction grade pursuant to Section 2.13 Alteration of Existing Grade or Impervious Area below.

C. Height Waiver for Structures in All Zoning Districts Except R3, R2, R1, R5, and R10 Districts.

1. The Development Review Board may approve a structure with a height in excess of the limitations set forth in Table A-2 up to forty-five (45) feet in the General Development Districts. For each foot of additional height above the maximum height specified in the district in Table A-2, all front and rear setbacks shall be increased by one (1) foot and all side yard setbacks shall be increased by one half (1/2) foot.
2. For structures proposed to exceed the maximum height for structures specified in Table A-2 as part of a planned unit development or planned residential development, the Development Review Board may waive the requirements of this section as long as the general objectives of the applicable zoning district are met. A request for approval of a taller

structure shall include the submittal of a plan(s) showing the elevations and architectural design of the structure, pre-construction grade, post-construction grade, and height of the structure. The massing of the structure should be broken up by transitions in building height with steps up and down to achieve a sense of balance. Bulky buildings with little variation in shape or design shall be avoided.

D. Rooftop Apparatus, Chimneys, Communications Towers, Silos, etc. Rooftop apparatus, such as solar collectors, television antennas, satellite dishes, chimneys, and air conditioning equipment shall be included in the height measurement. Chimneys for residential structures shall be exempt from the height limitations. Farm silos, light poles, and steeples for places of worship that are taller than normal height limitations established in Table A-2 may be approved by the Development Review Board as a conditional use subject to the provisions of Article 8, Conditional Uses. Such structures do not need to comply with the provisions of Section 2.06(C) above.

E. Height Waiver for Accessory Structures. The Zoning Administrator may approve an accessory structure with a height in excess of the limitations set forth in Table A-2 up to twenty (20) feet in height or the height of the primary structure whichever is less if the accessory structure includes an accessory dwelling unit as defined in Section 2.09 herein.

2.07 Temporary Structures and Uses

A. General Provisions. Any temporary use of a lot, not approved in connection with the primary use of that property, shall be restricted according to the provisions of this section.

B. Location of Temporary Uses and Structures. Temporary uses and structures exceeding ten (10) days in duration shall be considered permanent except as provided in subsection E below. Temporary uses or structures on a lot shall not be placed or conducted in such manner as to obstruct or interfere with vehicle circulation and parking, pedestrian movement, block sidewalks, obstruct crosswalks or damage landscaped areas.

C. Temporary Construction Structures. Temporary structures used in conjunction with duly permitted construction work shall be permitted only during the period that the construction is in progress.

D. Temporary Outside Storage. Temporary outside storage used in conjunction with the principal use or uses on that property shall be subject to approval by the Development Review Board unless specifically excluded from the use by definition or district.

E. Temporary Uses Exempt from Review. The following uses are permitted without requiring review under this section provided such uses do not exceed the stated limits. Uses which exceed the stated limits shall be considered to be permanent uses and, as such, are restricted by other portions of these regulations.

1. Auctions lasting no longer than two (2) days per calendar year.
2. Garage sales totaling no more than two (2), seven (7) consecutive day sales or two (2) three (3) consecutive weekend sales shall be conducted at one (1) residence per year. All sales shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. only.
3. Commercial use tents erected on a property for less than ten (10) days in one calendar year.
4. Outdoor sales events held by a business on the same lot for no more than four (4) consecutive days, two (2) times per calendar year.
5. Other mobile home dwelling unit type trailers such as office trailers, office/storage trailers and semi-van trailers may be allowed as temporary facilities for construction projects when approved with a building permit from the Zoning Administrator. No other non-dwelling uses of trailers shall be allowed except as a temporary emergency facility when approved by the Development Review Board as a conditional use.
- 6. Portable Toilets erected on a property for less than fifteen (15) days in one calendar year. Portable toilets located in public parks, in association with agricultural operations, or in association with construction projects when approved with a building permit from the Zoning Administrator or a wastewater permit from the Wastewater Official shall not be subject to this time limitation.**
- 7. Play structures such as but not limited to swings, slides, tree-houses, sand boxes, and trampolines.**

2.08 Multiple Structures

A. General Provisions. Except as otherwise provided specifically within these Zoning Regulations, there shall be only one principal building or structure on a lot. Multiple structures on a lot shall be subject to the requirements of Planned Unit Development in Article Nine.

2.09 Accessory Structures and Uses

A. Accessory Structures. Accessory buildings, except as otherwise permitted in the Regulation, shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. Where the accessory building is structurally attached to a principal building, it shall be subject to and must conform to all requirements of this Regulation applicable to principal buildings.
2. The total square footage of all accessory structures shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the first or ground floor of the principal structures.

3. The square footage of the first (ground) floor of the accessory structure(s) shall be included in the computation of lot coverage.
4. No detached accessory building shall be located closer than ten (10) ft. to any principal building.
5. No detached accessory building in any District shall exceed the heights specified in Table A-2.
6. Any accessory structure designed as a poolhouse shall be located no farther than fifteen (15) feet from the swimming pool to which it shall be accessory.
7. Where the accessory building is not structurally attached to a principal building, it shall be located in the side or rear yard except as provided below:
 - (a) The applicant shall demonstrate that the accessory building can not be reasonably located within the side or rear yard.
 - (b) The accessory building shall meet all setback requirements for the lot.
 - (c) The accessory building is accessory to a residential use. The appearance of the accessory building shall be residential in nature. Exterior building details – including scale, fenestration, roof and siding materials, color and design – shall be compatible with the principal structure. The Zoning Administrator may further require appropriate screening and landscaping around the accessory building to ensure compatibility with abutting residential properties.
 - (d) It is best if the accessory building is not located within a principal front yard, which shall be that yard in front of the face of the principal building and extending the full width of the lot.
 - (e) The placement of more than one accessory structure within a front yard shall require approval by the DRB through the conditional use process herein defined in Article 8.

8. Portable Toilets are not permissible except as stated in Section 2.07E6 herein.

B. Accessory Uses.

1. Accessory Residential Units. An accessory apartment may be approved that is accessory to a conforming residential use in accordance with Title 24 VSA Section 4412 (1) (E) as amended from time to time. The following criteria shall be used when reviewing an application for a zoning permit:

- (a) The owner shall occupy either the principal dwelling or the accessory apartment.
- (b) Only one accessory apartment may be permitted per parcel.
- (c) The accessory unit, whether located in the principal or an accessory structure, shall have the external appearance of a single-family residence. Exterior building details – including scale, fenestration, roof and siding materials, color and design – shall be compatible with the principal

dwelling.

- (d) The unit shall contain no more than 2 bedrooms.
 - (e) The apartment square footage shall not exceed 900 square feet in gross floor area or 30% of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling whichever is greater. Included in the calculation of gross floor area for an accessory apartment shall be any structure, attached or detached, principally used by the accessory apartment. Such structures shall include, but not be limited to, decks, porches, garages, lofts.
 - (f) All applicable regulations for the provision of sewage disposal and water supply shall be met.
 - (g) Adequate off-street parking shall be provided to include two parking spaces for the principal dwelling unit and one space per bedroom for the accessory apartment.
2. The outdoor storage or parking, storage or use of ~~one (1)~~ a travel trailer, tent trailer, pickup camper or coach, motorized dwelling, boat and boat trailer, snow vehicle, cycle trailer, utility trailer, horse trailer, or similar recreational vehicle per residential lot by the owner provided the following conditions are met:
- (a) Such vehicular equipment is stored or parked on private property no closer than eighteen inches to any proposed or existing public sidewalk and so as not to project into the public right-of-way;
 - (b) Minimum 5' side yard setback except with neighbor's written concurrence.
 - (c) On corner lots, any such vehicular equipment that exceeds thirty-six inches in height is not parked in the triangular area formed by the three points established by the intersection of property lines at the corner and the points thirty feet back from this intersection along each property line;
 - (d) No travel trailer, tent trailer, pickup camper or coach, motorized dwelling, or van is used for the conduct of business or for living or housekeeping purposes except when located in an approved mobile home park or in a campground providing adequate sanitary facilities.
 - (e) Any travel trailer, tent trailer, detached pickup, camper or coach, boat and boat trailer, cycle trailer, utility trailer and van, horse trailer and van parked or stored out-of-doors is adequately blocked or tied down or otherwise secured so that such vehicle does not roll off the lot and is not moved about by high winds; and
 - (f) No vehicular equipment regulated by this section is stored out-of-doors on a residential lot unless it is in condition for safe and effective performance of the functions for which it is intended.
 - (g) No more than two of any combination of travel trailer, tent trailer, pickup camper or coach, motorized dwelling, boat and boat trailer, snow vehicle, cycle trailer, utility trailer, horse trailer, or similar recreational vehicle may be stored per lot at any given time.**

- (h) No more than one unregistered vehicle may be kept on a lot. Exempted from this requirement are non-motorized boats that are not required to be registered.**
- (i) Farm equipment normally on farm land and equipment involved in construction and which is kept on an active construction site shall be excluded from this section.**

3. The storage of scrap, salvage/junk material, refuse, automotive dismantling, salvage or recycling facilities on a lot is hereby prohibited. Exempted from this requirement are: 1) approved salvage operations, 2) construction projects when approved with a building permit from the Zoning Administrator, and 3) nominal storage of materials in the rear yard or otherwise screened from view when associated with a residential use. Refuse for commercial, industrial, and multi-family dwelling units shall be in trash containers in accordance with Section 10.06 herein. Refuse for single-family residential shall be limited to up to three trash containers outside a structure.

2.10 Fences

A. General Requirements. In this section, fence and wall shall be interchangeable terms. Fence height shall be the vertical distance as measured from the average preconstruction grade to the highest point of the fence.

B. Specific Requirements. All fences are subject to the following provisions:

1. A fence shall be erected within the boundaries of the applicant's property and shall be placed wholly within but not on the property boundaries.
2. A fence shall be erected so that its smooth or finished side faces an abutting property or roadway. All fence posts shall be placed on the inside of the fence, except for a fence to contain livestock.
3. No part of any fence shall be placed in such manner as to visually obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
4. Any fence shall require a permit. A fence under six (6) feet in height shall require a building permit.
5. A fence over six (6) feet in height shall require approval by the DRB as a conditional use subject to the provisions of Article 8, Conditional Use Review. In no case shall a fence height exceed 14 feet in height.
6. A fence over six (6) feet in height shall meet the accessory structure setback requirements for the zoning district, unless otherwise approved by the DRB as a conditional use subject to the provisions of Article 8, Conditional Use Review.
7. No fence shall be erected in such a manner as to inhibit or divert the natural drainage flow or cause the blockage or damming of surface water.
8. No fence shall be erected that may create a fire hazard or other dangerous condition or that may result in obstruction to fire fighting.
9. Fences shall be maintained in a safe and substantial condition.

10. No fence shall be located or constructed on a terrace or wall that will have an overall height of more than that permitted, unless otherwise approved by the DRB as a conditional use subject to the provisions of Article 8, Conditional Use Review.

C. Prohibited Fences and Materials. The following fences and fencing materials are specifically prohibited:

1. Barbed, razor or ribbon wire or broken glass as part of any fence except fences erected by a municipal, state, or federal entity.
2. Pointed metal fences except fences erected by a municipal, state, or federal entity.
3. Canvas and/or cloth fences, except when used to protect shrubs and vegetation.
4. Poultry and/or turkey wire fences within minimum front, side and rear yards.
5. Temporary fences, unless for snow control. Snow control fences shall be allowed from November 1 through to the following May 1.
6. Expandable fences and collapsible fences, except during construction of a building or for municipal, state, or federal projects.
7. Chain link fences erected with the open loop at the top of the fence.

D. Exemption. All existing fences that do not conform to the provisions of these regulations may be continued as they presently exist, except that these fences shall not be altered, extended, replaced or modified except in accordance with these regulations.

2.11 Swimming Pools. All swimming pools shall be constructed in compliance with Chapter Four, Article Four of the Town of Colchester Code of Ordinances as amended from time to time.

2.12 Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots. This section shall apply to non-conformities as defined in Title 24 V.S.A. Section 4303(16). These uses and structures shall be subject to the restrictions and conditions set forth herein.

A. Nonconforming Uses.

1. A nonconforming use shall not be changed to another non-conforming use.
2. A nonconforming use that is changed to a conforming use shall not be resumed.
3. A nonconforming use that is discontinued for six (6) months shall not be resumed.
4. A nonconforming use that is abandoned shall not be resumed.
5. No extension of a non-conforming use shall be permitted.

B. Alterations to Nonconforming Structures. Except as otherwise provided in Article Seven Section 7.03, ~~and in~~ Article Two Section 2.05J, **and Article Ten**

Section 10.14 alterations or additions to a nonconforming structure shall not encroach within any required setbacks unless the Development Review Board has approved a variance for said encroachment per Title 24 V.S.A. Section 4469.

1. In reviewing variance requests for encroachment within required setbacks, the Development Review Board shall use the criteria set forth in the Title 24 V.S.A., Section 4469 as amended from time to time. In granting a variance request, the Development Review Board may attach conditions to such variances, as it may consider necessary and appropriate under the circumstances to implement the purposes of Title 24 V.S.A. Section 4469, this Article, and the municipal plan in effect. In approving a variance, the DRB shall make and so specify in its decision all of the following findings:

- (a) That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property, and that unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions, and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the zoning regulation in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located;
- (b) That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the zoning regulation and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property;
- (c) That the unnecessary hardship has not been created by the appellant;
- (d) That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, reduce access to renewable energy resources, nor be detrimental to the public welfare; and
- (e) That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least deviation possible from the zoning regulation and from the plan.

2. Any nonconforming structure damaged, destroyed or removed may be reconstructed, repaired, or restored if such is completed within one (1) year of the damage, destruction or removal. Such construction shall not exceed the footprint of the structure damaged, destroyed, or removed. A time extension may be granted by the Development Review Board of up to, but not more than, one (1) year upon verification of documented evidence of a continuous good faith effort to reconstruct. A request for a time extension must be submitted in writing by the applicant prior to the expiration of the one (1) year time limit. Any extension approved by the Development Review Board shall be made in writing and shall specify the date after which no reconstruction or restoration will be permitted upon the subject property.

3. Any development involving a nonconforming structure in the Flood Plain District shall be in accordance with Section 6.03 herein
4. Any variance issued in the Flood Plain District will additionally meet the requirements of 44 CFR 60.6, not increase flood heights, and will inform the applicant in writing over the signature of the Zoning Administrator that the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood elevation increases risk to life and property and will result in increased flood insurance premiums up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of coverage. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variance actions.

H. Construction Approved Prior to Regulations. Nothing contained in these regulations shall require any change in plans, construction or designated use of a structure provided the construction of the structure shall be completed according to such approved plans and permit within one year from December 21, 2004.

I. Unlawful Use Not Approved or Authorized. Nothing in these regulations shall be interpreted as authorization for or approval of the continuance of the use of a structure or land in violation of zoning prior to December 21, 2004.

J. Unsafe Structures. Nothing in these regulations shall permit the use of any portion of a structure declared unsafe by a proper authority nor the continuation of a condition declared to be a health hazard by an appropriate authority.

K. Nonconforming Lots. See Section 2.04 for pre-existing small lots.

2.13 Alteration of Existing Grade or Impervious Area

A. General Provisions. In any district the removal or filling except when incidental to or in connection with the construction of a duly permitted structure on the same lot, shall require a building permit. In any district the increase of impervious area or paving of a previously unpaved area except when incidental to or in connection with the construction of a duly permitted structure on the same lot, shall require a building permit.

B. Earth Products. For all applications for the removal or filling on a property the applicant shall submit the following information:

1. Depth of excavation in proximity to roads or adjacent properties.
2. Slope created by removal.
3. A plan for the rehabilitation of the site at the conclusion of the operations including grading, seeding, and planting, fencing, drainage, and other appropriate measures.
4. A building permit application.

Applications for the removal or filling on a property exceeding 100 cubic yards of materials shall require site plan approval by the Development Review Board

subject to the provisions of Article 8, Site Plan Review prior to consideration of a building permit. All applications for the removal or filling on a property located in the Flood Plain District or Shoreland District shall require approval by the Development Review Board subject to the provisions of Article 8, Site Plan Review prior to consideration of a building permit.

C. Earth Products Review Standards. In addition to the requirements and provisions of Article 8, Site Plan Review the applications shall meet the following standards:

1. Filling shall only be conducted with clean material such as sod, loam, sand, gravel, or quarried stone. Biodegradable material shall not be considered clean fill.
2. No adverse effect upon public health or safety shall be created.
3. The proposed project shall not create a nuisance.
4. The effect upon the use of adjacent property by reason of noise, dust or vibrations shall be evaluated and no undue adverse effect shall be created.
5. The effect upon traffic hazards in residential areas or excessive congestion or physical damage on public ways shall be evaluated and no undue adverse effect shall be created.
6. The project may be limited in the duration of its permit to any length of time that the Zoning Administrator or Board deems appropriate.
7. The project may be limited in the hours of operation, routes of transportation or material removed.
8. The Zoning Administrator or Board may require suitable bond or other security adequate to assure compliance with the provision of this Section for the proper rehabilitation of the site.
9. Within the Flood Plain District, excavation of earth products shall be prohibited in such cases, except in relation to agricultural operations and commercial greenhouse operations, where it is anticipated that such excavation will lower the level of the water table or will interfere with the natural flow patterns or reduce the flood stage capacity.
10. No adverse effect shall be created to receiving waters.

2.14 Potable Water Supply

A. All new potable water supplies and associated well shield areas shall be located entirely on the subject parcel if at all possible. If any portion of the proposed well shield crosses property boundaries the owner shall obtain a permanent easement for that portion of the well shield not on his or her property prior to obtaining a Water & Wastewater Permit.

B. Water consumption design flows, including for existing water supplies, shall not be increased without first obtaining a Water & Wastewater Permit. The applicant shall provide the proposed increase and shall delineate the associated

well shield. If any portion of the proposed well shield crosses property boundaries the owner shall obtain a permanent easement for that portion of the well shield not on his or her property prior to obtaining a Water & Wastewater Permit.

C. Existing water supplies that have been replaced by an approved potable water source, including municipal water main connection, shall be considered abandoned water supplies except where the water supply serves an approved agricultural or horticultural use. Abandoned water supplies shall be sealed and the associated well shield removed. Abandoned water supplies shall not be recognized as protected water sources.

2.15 Septic

A. General Requirements. No septic systems shall be constructed or altered except in conformance with the Colchester On-Site Sewage Disposal Regulations and Sewer Regulations as incorporated in Chapter Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances and amended from time to time.

B. Cross-District Sewage shall be subject to Conditional Use approval as specified in Article Eight and the following standards:

- (a) No uses shall exist on the site that interferes with the operation, maintenance, or replacement of said cross-district sewage disposal system.
- (b) The applicant shall possess all easements, rights-of-way, and or conveyances relative to or necessary for the establishment and maintenance of said cross-district sewage disposal system.

2.16 Fire Prevention Code

A. General Requirements. No structure or building shall be constructed or altered except in conformance with the Fire Prevention, Fire Protection, and Life Safety Regulations as incorporated in Chapter Seven of the Colchester Code of Ordinances and amended from time to time.

2.17 Building Code

A. General Requirements. No structure or building shall be constructed or altered except in conformance with the Colchester Building Code and Building Construction Ordinance as incorporated in Chapter Four of the Colchester Code of Ordinances and amended from time to time.

2.18 Signs

A. General Requirements. No signs shall be erected or maintained except in conformance with the Sign Ordinance of the Town of Colchester, Appendix C of the Colchester Code of Ordinances.

2.19 Compliance with Chapter 14 and 18 of the Colchester Code of Ordinances

A. General Standards. All projects shall comply with Chapters 14 and 18 of the Colchester Code of Ordinances as amended from time to time.

B. Additional Land Disturbance Standards. ~~Stormwater facility design and erosion control standards shall comply with the “Vermont Stormwater Manual” and the “Vermont Erosion Control Handbook” with addendums. Additionally,~~ All projects shall receive all applicable State and Federal permits prior to the issuance of a building permit.

2.20 General Provisions and Maintenance Standards

A. Purpose of Performance Standards. Consistent with the general purposes of these regulations, performance standards (see Appendix C) shall set specific controls on potentially objectionable external aspects of such non-residential uses so as to:

1. Reduce to a reasonable minimum the dissemination of smoke, gas, dust, odor, or other atmospheric pollutant outside the structure or beyond the property boundaries in which the use is conducted.
2. Control noise and light trespass beyond the boundaries of the site of the use.
3. Prevent the discharge of untreated wastes into any watercourse or waterbody.
4. Prevent the dissemination of vibration, heat, or electromagnetic interference beyond the immediate site on which the site is located.
5. Prevent physical hazard by reason of biohazard, fire, explosion, radiation, or any similar cause.
6. Regulate and control the generation and flow of vehicular traffic so as to prevent hazardous conditions, traffic congestion, and excessive noise in the streets.

B. Hazardous Conditions Prohibited. No land or structure in any district shall be used or occupied in any manner so as to cause hazardous or objectionable conditions to exist or to in any way endanger users of the site or the surrounding area. Such hazardous or objectionable conditions include but are not limited to dangerous, injurious, noxious or otherwise objectionable biohazard, fire, explosive, acidic, corrosive, caustic, pathogenic, or other hazard; or to create any noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, air pollution, heat,

cold, dampness, electromagnetic or radioactive radiation, glare, toxicity or other hazardous or objectionable condition on the site or in the surrounding area.

C. Site Conditions. No later than six (6) months after a permanent or temporary structure has been damaged, made uninhabitable, or has been abandoned, all scrap, debris, damaged or unsafe materials shall be removed from the site and any remaining excavation, foundation or cellar hole shall be covered over or filled to the existing grade by the property owner.

D. Performance Standards. The use of any substance or process so as to create any hazardous or objectionable condition on the site or in the surrounding area shall be prohibited except at levels in conformance with the requirements of this section and the performance standards listed in Appendix C, Performance Standards.

E. Review of Performance Standards.

1. The Zoning Administrator shall withhold a building or zoning permit or certificate of occupancy until satisfied that the proposed construction or use will comply with the performance standards in Appendix C, Performance Standards.
2. Continued performance with such standards, once applicable, shall be a requirement for the continuance of any certificate of occupancy.
3. Furthermore, the Zoning Administrator, upon determination at any time that a use is exceeding or may exceed performance standards or will in any way create potentially hazardous conditions shall require an application for conditional use review under the requirements of Article 8, Conditional Use Review and this section.
4. Any proposed construction, use, or change of use that, by its design or nature, is intended for the manufacture, processing, reprocessing, packaging, storage, transportation or disposal of hazardous materials shall require an application for conditional use review under the requirements of Article 8, Conditional Use Review and this section.
5. The Development Review Board or Zoning Administrator may deny applications based on excessive hazard potential.

F. Required Information. Evidence of application for state and/or federal permits for the handling of potentially hazardous conditions, and/or the following information, at minimum, may be required for determination of compliance with performance standards or for conditional use review of potentially hazardous conditions:

1. Description of proposed machinery, operations, and products.
2. Amount and nature of materials to be used.
3. Mechanisms and techniques to be used in restricting the emission of any hazardous and objectionable elements, as well as projected or actual emission levels.
4. Method of delivery and disposal or recycling of any hazardous elements.
5. Types of hazardous materials to be present, quantities of those materials, and the combination of materials in determining the degree of exposure as

pertaining to the site, to adjoining sites and the surrounding area within and without the Town of Colchester.

6. Expert testimony and documentation by a third party may be required at the expense of the applicant.

7. Other information as may be necessary.

G. Conditions of Approval. The Development Review Board, in granting conditional use approval, may condition an approval to require evidence of the issuance of applicable state and/or federal permits for the handling of hazardous conditions prior to the issuance of a building permit, and may also impose conditions on the following:

1. Size and construction of structures, quantities and types of materials, storage locations, handling of materials, routes of travel, and hours of operation.
2. Warning systems, fire controls and other safeguards.
3. Provision for continuous monitoring and reporting.
4. Other restrictions as may be necessary to protect public health and safety.

ARTICLE 3: RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

- 3.01 Residential Three District R3
- 3.02 Residential Two District R2
- 3.03 Residential One District R1
- 3.04 Residential Five District R5
- 3.05 Residential Ten District R10

3.01 Residential Three District R3

A. Purpose. A Residential Three District is hereby formed in order to encourage high density residential uses. This district is primarily located in developed areas with existing suburban residential. Any use not expressly permitted is prohibited, except those that are allowed as conditional uses.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the Residential Three District, all requirements of this Section 3.01 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards.

1. Multi-family dwellings shall be subject to Planned Residential Development Review, as per Article 9.

3.02 Residential Two District R2

A. Purpose. A Residential Two District is hereby formed in order to encourage medium density residential uses. This district is primarily located in developed areas with existing suburban residential. Any use not expressly permitted is prohibited, except those that are allowed as conditional uses.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the Residential Two District, all requirements of this Section 3.02 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards.

1. Multi-family dwellings shall be subject to Planned Residential Development Review, as per Article 9.

3.03 Residential One District R1

A. Purpose. A Residential One District is hereby formed in order to encourage low density single-family residential uses. This district is located in areas that are transitioning from rural residential to suburban residential. Any use not expressly permitted is prohibited, except those that are allowed as conditional uses.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the Residential One District, all requirements of this Section 3.03 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards.

1. Multi-family dwellings shall be subject to Planned Residential Development Review, as per Article 9.

3.04 Residential Five District R5

A. Purpose. A Residential Five District is hereby formed in order to encourage preservation of rural and agricultural character and uses while allowing for low density single-family residential uses. This district is located in rural and agricultural areas that are transitioning to rural residential. Any use not expressly permitted is prohibited, except those that are allowed as conditional uses.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

F. Additional Standards.

1. Multi-family dwellings shall be subject to Planned Residential Development Review, as per Article 9.
2. Privately owned recreational facilities in which activity is conducted primarily outside enclosed buildings or structures, such as golf and country clubs, shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (a) Lighting of playing areas for night use shall be prohibited.
 - (b) Golf courses and country clubs shall locate all accessory uses within one clubhouse structure.
3. Agricultural operations shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (a) Structures in which farm animals are kept shall be a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.
 - (b) Feed lots, fenced runs, pens, and similar intensively used facilities for animal housing shall be a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.

3.05 Residential Ten District R10

A. Purpose. A Residential Ten District is hereby formed in order to encourage preservation of rural and agricultural character and uses while allowing for low

density single-family residential uses. This district is located in rural and agricultural areas. Any use not expressly permitted is prohibited, except those that are allowed as conditional uses.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the Residential Ten District, all requirements of this Section 3.05 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards.

1. Multi-family dwellings shall be subject to Planned Residential Development Review, as per Article 9.
2. Privately owned recreational facilities in which activity is conducted primarily outside enclosed buildings or structures, such as golf and country clubs, shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (a) Lighting of playing areas for night use shall be prohibited.
 - (b) Golf courses and country clubs shall locate all accessory uses within one clubhouse structure.
3. Agricultural operations shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (a) Structures in which farm animals are kept shall be a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.
 - (b) Feed lots, fenced runs, pens, and similar intensively used facilities for animal housing shall be a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.

ARTICLE 4: GENERAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

- 4.01 General Development One GD1
- 4.02 General Development Two GD2
- 4.03 General Development Three GD3
- 4.04 General Development Four GD4
- 4.05 Intentionally Reserved

4.01 General Development One GD1

- A. Purpose. To provide for residential and compatible commercial featuring convenience of required facilities and essential services in the Colchester Village and Warner's Corners neighborhoods.
- B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.
- C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.
- D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.
- E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the GD1 District, all requirements of this Section 4.01 and Table A-2 shall apply.
- F. Additional Standards.
 - 1. Multi-family dwellings shall be subject to Planned Residential Development Review, as per Article 9.
 - 2. Residential units and commercial uses may be permitted to occupy the same building subject to the Conditional Use and Site Plan criteria and the following standards:
 - (a) Qualifying commercial uses shall be limited to: convenience stores without gas sales, general merchandise less than 10,000 sq. ft. no drive-up, retail food establishment with store area less than 5,000 sq. ft., automotive accessory sales without installation, general office, medical office less than 10,000 sq. ft., financial institution, personal or business service, artist production studio, cultural facilities less than 500 sq. ft., nursing care home, day-care facilities, or standard restaurants.

- (b) The residential units shall have an entrance separate from the proposed commercial use.
- (c) Multiple commercial uses within the building may be considered however the commercial uses shall not adversely affect the proposed residential units. Hours of operation of the commercial uses may be restricted to ensure no adverse affect to the residences.
- (d) Residential units converted from non-residential square footage in existence prior to January 1, 2004 under this section shall not be subject to Planned Residential Development review.

4.02 General Development Two GD2

- A. Purpose. To provide a range of commercial, light industry and compatible multi-family dwellings and related uses for the Fort Ethan Allen neighborhood and vicinity.
- B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.
- C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.
- D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.
- E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the GD2 District, all requirements of this Section 4.02 and Table A-2 shall apply.
- F. Additional Standards.
 - 1. Multi-family dwellings, in addition to the Planned Residential Development criteria contained in Article 9, shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (a) Class one properties, or properties with municipal water and municipal sewer, shall have a maximum residential density of ten (10) dwelling units per acre unless otherwise provided through the use of transfer of development rights under Section 7.06 herein.
 - (b) Class two properties, or properties with municipal water and on-site septic, shall have a maximum residential density of four (4) dwelling units per acre.

2. Outside storage for any use shall be confined to the rear yard and shall be screened from view from any side by a sufficiently high wall or fence or by appropriate landscaping such as berms, hedges and /or shrubbery.
3. All equipment maintenance, repair or manufacturing operations shall be within enclosed structures.

4.03 General Development Three GD3

A. Purpose. To provide compact mixed use development within the Severance Corners neighborhood. Business and residential uses should be developed which compliment each other. Pedestrian accessibility, aesthetics and public spaces are to be emphasized. Development should occur as planned units, rather than piece-meal. High density should be permitted and encouraged as long as it is complimented, within each development unit, by public amenities, open space, and aesthetic site and building design.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the GD3 District, all requirements of this Section 4.03 and Table A-2 shall apply. Notwithstanding Section 7.06, transfer of development rights, residential density bonuses may be considered by the Development Review Board in accordance with the following standards:

1. The project shall meet the definition of a Planned Unit Development as defined in these regulations and in accordance with Article Nine. With the sketch plan application, the applicant shall submit a density plan in accordance with the general and specific standards of Article Nine additionally and an overview plan noting the ratio of commercial square footage to residential square footage. If the project is at least 50% commercial, the applicant may apply for a 50% residential density bonus (.5 additional units for each unit permissible under the base density). If the project is at least 50% commercial and the majority of the commercial square footage is provided within the same structure as residential units,

- the applicant may apply for a 100% residential density bonus (one additional unit for each unit permissible under the base density); and
2. The project shall provide significant central features and community spaces. The project shall provide at least two design features and two structured spaces. Qualifying design features include towers, arcades, public atrium plazas, completely enclosed walkway connections between buildings, porticos, clock towers, kiosks or and other similar public architectural elements. Qualifying structured outdoor spaces include plazas, patios, courtyards, pedestrian plaza with benches, water feature, or other such focal feature or amenity.
 3. If an applicant has successfully applied and received approval for a 100% density bonus as noted above in #1, the applicant may add up to four additional dwelling units per acre onto the project site per Section 7.06. Maximum overall density shall not exceed twelve dwelling units per acre. The transfer of dwelling units shall either be applied for at Preliminary Plat or as a Major Amendment to the Planned Unit Development.
 4. If a density bonus, as provided herein, is approved by the DRB the final plat order shall specify a phasing plan that keeps conformance with the approved commercial and residential ratios. At no time shall the project deviate from the ratio. The DRB shall consider amendments to the ratios of 10% or less as a minor subdivision amendment. The DRB shall consider amendments to the ratios of 10% or more as a major subdivision amendment. The DRB shall not approve more dwelling units than allowed under the Zoning Regulations in effect at that time.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the GD3 District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Siting, building configuration, height, scale and design.
Siting of the buildings and supporting site amenities should respect the concepts expressed below. The objective is to create and maintain a compact streetscape with buildings fronting on the sidewalks along Severance and Blakely Roads, Routes 2 & 7, and new interior roadways. Whenever possible, all parking lots shall be located behind buildings and adequately screened from Severance and Blakely Roads and Routes 2 & 7. Building setbacks for interior roads may be reduced by the Development Review Board as part of an overall PUD approval.
 - (a) Building configurations. Buildings should be designed to reduce the visual mass of the structure while creating multiple entrances to spaces that face onto pedestrian walkways.
 - (b) Building heights & scale. Buildings should vary yet respect the heights and scale of sequence set by neighboring buildings. One, two, three and four story buildings (up to a maximum of 40 feet in height) are acceptable. The height of the building may be

increased, if the project is developed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

(c) Roofs. All roof-mounted-mechanical-equipment and duct work which project vertically more than 1.5 feet above the roof or roof parapet shall be screened by a permanent enclosure which uses materials design and color which are consistent with the color scheme of the building.

2. Pedestrian walkways, circulation, and parking:

(a) Pedestrian accessibility. This section sets forth standards for internal pedestrian circulation systems and sidewalks outside the Town's Right-Of-Way. Continuous internal pedestrian walkways, no less than 5 feet in width, shall be provided from the public sidewalk or right-of-way to the principal customer entrance of all buildings on the site. At a minimum, walkways shall connect focal points of pedestrian activity such as, but not limited to, transit stops, street crossings, building and store entry points, and shall feature adjoining landscaped areas that includes trees, shrubs, benches, flower beds, ground covers, or other such materials for no less than 50 percent of its length. Sidewalks, no less than 5 feet in width, shall be provided along the full length of the building along any façade featuring a customer entrance, and along any façade abutting public parking areas. Such sidewalks shall be located at least six (6) from the façade of the building to provide planting beds for foundation landscaping, except where features such as arcades or entryways are part of the façade. Internal pedestrian walkways shall be distinguished from driving surfaces through the use of durable, low maintenance surface materials such as pavers, bricks, or scored concrete to enhance pedestrian safety and comfort, as well as the attractiveness of the walkways. Pedestrian facilities shall be maintained year round.

(c) Central features & community spaces. Buildings should offer attractive and inviting pedestrian scale features, spaces, and amenities. Entrances and parking lots should be configured to be functional and inviting with walkways conveniently tied to logical destinations. Bus stops and drop-off/pickup points should be considered as integral parts of the configuration. Pedestrian ways should be anchored by special design features such as towers, arcades, public atrium plazas, completely enclosed walkway connections between buildings, porticos, pedestrian light fixtures, bollards, planter walls, and other architectural elements that define circulation ways and outdoor spaces. Examples of outdoor spaces are plazas, patios, courtyards, and window shopping areas. The features and spaces should enhance the building and the center as integral parts of the community fabric. Each establishment subject to these standards shall contribute to the establishment or enhancement of community and public spaces by providing at least

two of the following: patio/seating area, pedestrian plaza with benches, transportation center, window shopping walkway, outdoor playground area, kiosk area, water feature, clock tower, or other such deliberately shaped area and/or a focal feature or amenity that, in the judgment of the Development Review Board adequately enhances such community and public spaces. Any such areas shall have direct access to the public sidewalk network and such features shall not be constructed of materials that are inferior to the principal materials of the buildings and landscape.

(d) Outdoor furniture. Outdoor furniture such as benches and other forms of seating, trash receptacles, lighting, etc. should be located for the convenience of the pedestrian and should be located in relation to street trees such that the amenity will remain unobstructed without excessive pruning of branches. Benches shall be per the Town's specification. Acceptable alternatives to traditional benches include backless benches, sitting walls at varying heights, and rock seating. Trash receptacles shall be logically placed to reduce litter however not visually prominent. Receptacles are best sited in the shade downwind and a respectful distance from pedestrian noses, and located so that dripping from the receptacle will not cause unsightly pavement stains.

Receptacles shall be per the Town's specifications, large enough to be obvious, and every third receptacle shall be designated and signed for recycling.

(e) Parking design. Parking areas shall be designed to reduce the visual dominance of automobiles and shall be aesthetically compatible and sensitive to the built and natural landscape. Center block parking with multiple entrances from the street shall be employed wherever feasible.

3. Landscaping. Landscaping should be utilized extensively in the open spaces to add softness texture and color to the hard surfaced public areas. Dominant plant materials should be used throughout the area as a unifying element of the overall plan. Tree guards and grates shall be per the Town's specifications.

4. Dumpsters. The sharing of a dumpster by two or more users is encouraged. All dumpsters shall be located out of public areas and screened from view by appropriate landscaping or fencing. No dumpster or compaction areas, loading or other such uses shall be located within 50 feet of any public street or within 20 feet of any public sidewalk or internal pedestrian way.

5. Loading docks & delivery / loading operations. Loading docks, truck parking, utility meters, HVAC equipment, trash collection, trash compaction, and other service functions shall be incorporated into the overall design of the building and the landscaping so that the visual and acoustic impacts of these functions are fully contained and out of view from adjacent properties and public streets, and no attention is attracted to

the functions by the use of screening materials that are different from or inferior to the principal materials of the building and landscape. Delivery and loading operations should not disturb adjoining neighborhoods, or other uses. No delivery, loading, trash removal or compaction, or other such operations shall be permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

4.04 General Development Four GD4

A. Purpose. To encourage a mix of uses (both residential and nonresidential) in an area proximate to Interstate Exit 17 that has relatively easy access to Interstate 89. Industrial and warehouse uses may be appropriate as long as they do not adversely affect the visual and rural qualities of the area and are adequately separated from residential uses. Commercial uses at Exit 17 should be limited.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. The following additional standards shall apply to the uses indicated in Table A-1:

1. Retail and wholesale sales shall be limited as follows:

- (a) No retail or wholesale building shall be greater than 20,000 square feet.
- (b) Only one retail or wholesale building may be permitted on a lot, except where approved as part of a Planned Unit Development.
- (c) Except where the lot in question existed prior to January 1, 2001, every subdivided lot developed for retail or wholesale sales shall have a minimum of 300 feet of frontage on an Arterial or Collector Roadway.
- (d) With respect to any lot that existed on January 1, 2001, the footprint area of all buildings containing retail or wholesale sales shall not exceed 10% of the area of the lot on any existing parcel of 5 acres or greater. This limitation shall apply to the overall acreage of the lot, whether said lot remains as one lot or is subdivided into more than one lot. This limitation shall be noted on the site plan or subdivision plat.

2. Gas sales shall be limited as follows:

- (a) Existing gas sales operations shall be allowed to continue and/or expand.
- (b) New gas sale operations must be located within 3,000 feet of the Interstate 89 right-of-way.

(c) No new gas sale use shall be permitted or allowed within 3,000 feet of an existing gas sales use, except that this limitation shall not apply to the distance between gas sale uses located on opposite sides of the Interstate 89 right of way.

3. Commercial Uses in a PUD. Commercial uses within a PUD should be of a scale and design to primarily serve the residential uses in the PUD and in the surrounding neighborhood first and foremost. In a PUD with dwelling units, commercial uses shall be compatible with the residential use.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the GD4 District, all requirements of this Section 4.04 and Table A-2 shall apply. Notwithstanding Section 7.06, transfer of development rights, residential density bonuses may be considered by the Development Review Board in accordance with the following standards:

1. The project shall meet the definition of a Planned Unit Development as defined in these regulations and in accordance with Article Nine. With the sketch plan application, the applicant shall submit a density plan in accordance with the general and specific standards of Article Nine additionally and an overview plan noting the ratio of commercial square footage to residential square footage. If the project is at least 50% commercial, the applicant may apply for a 50% residential density bonus (.5 additional units for each unit permissible under the base density). If the project is at least 50% commercial and the majority of the commercial square footage is provided within the same structure as residential units, the applicant may apply for a 100% residential density bonus (one additional unit for each unit permissible under the base density); and
2. The project shall provide significant central features and community spaces. The project shall provide at least two design features and two structured spaces. Qualifying design features include towers, arcades, public atrium plazas, completely enclosed walkway connections between buildings, porticos, clock towers, kiosks or and other similar public architectural elements. Qualifying structured outdoor spaces include plazas, patios, courtyards, pedestrian plaza with benches, water feature, or other such focal feature or amenity.
3. If an applicant has successfully applied and received approval for a 100% density bonus as noted above in #1, the applicant may add up to four additional dwelling units per acre onto the project site per Section 7.06. Maximum overall density shall not exceed twelve dwelling units per acre. The transfer of dwelling units shall either be applied for at

Preliminary Plat or as a Major Amendment to the Planned Unit Development.

4. If a density bonus, as provided herein, is approved by the DRB the final plat order shall specify a phasing plan that keeps conformance with the approved commercial and residential ratios. At no time shall the project deviate from the ratio. The DRB shall consider amendments to the ratios of 10% or less as a minor subdivision amendment. The DRB shall consider amendments to the ratios of 10% or more as a major subdivision amendment. The DRB shall not approve more dwelling units than allowed under the Zoning Regulations in effect at that time.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the GD4 District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Siting

(a) Relation to topography. Generally, buildings shall be placed so as to minimize breaking the skyline when observed from Arterial and Collector Roadways. Buildings shall be designed to be “part of” not an extension of the hillside. Specifically, in achieving this objective, the Development Review Board shall apply the following standards in the specified portions of the GD-4 District:

1. West of I89, south of US2, and east of Niquette Bay Road. As viewed from I89 or US2 looking westerly or southwesterly, buildings shall be located with a complete backdrop of existing trees to the sides of and above the building.

2. East of US2/7. The existing wooded slope on the east side of the ravine parallel to US2/7 shall remain undisturbed except for a single roadway access across the ravine. Buildings located east of the ravine shall be sited so that the existing tree line along the ravine is above the tallest point of the building as viewed from US2/7. The Development Review Board may permit a minor portion (20% or less) of a building to be visible from a few intermittent segments of US 2/7 if it determines that all steps have been taken to minimize building visibility, including considering alternative siting.

3. Relation to other buildings. Buildings shall be located so as to promote interconnected activity between neighboring buildings. An applicant shall depict pedestrian walkways between buildings.

2. Building Details.

(a) Height – Increases in height limits for buildings developed as part of a Planned Unit Development may be permitted where the following standards are met:

1. The building is hidden from the view of persons utilizing arterial and collector roads by other buildings, trees or natural barriers, and/or

2. The building is sited in a location where the existing grade lies below the pavement level of arterial and collector roads.
 3. The site is designed with the use of architectural features, color, and landscaping that are in character with the surrounding rural scenery and natural landscape. In considering a request for increased building height, the Board shall give special consideration where the applicant locates the buildings so that they are: 1) framed or backed by a hillside; or 2) on an elevation below the elevation of adjacent and nearby Major Roadways.
- (b) Shape and massing. The vertical mass of buildings shall be in character with other adjacent structures as well as with the topography of the site. Bulky rectangular-form buildings with little variation in shape or design shall be avoided. The Development Review Board may waive massing details for industrial buildings if the screening and/or siting removes any adverse visual impact from such buildings as viewed from adjacent roadways and properties. Variation may be accomplished by one or more of the following means:
1. Physical offsets in which a building steps forward or back along its façade.
 2. Transitions in building height with steps up and down to achieve a sense of balance. Abrupt changes in building height that disturb this sense of balance are not permitted.
 3. In lieu of physical offsets, the use of banding, changes in materials, trim and cornices.
 4. For retail buildings, physical offsets or design details shall be required at regular intervals of approximately 50' or less along each façade of a building having a public entrance or visible from an arterial or .
- (c) Facades.
1. The visible portion of buildings from arterial and collector roads shall be given special detailing and architectural consideration. Other facades shall also reflect the reasonable use of appropriate building materials and colors so as to avoid a high degree of architectural contrast or the appearance of being unfinished.
 2. Facades shall build upward from the ground with defined bases, middles and tops. The use of cornices and trim provides visual separation between layers and helps both to terminate the structure vertically as well as bridge several connected buildings together.
 3. On buildings constructed in connection with all industrial uses, the Development Review Board shall require only those building facades that are visible from arterial and collector roads to be finished to the standards of subsections 1. and 2. herein
- (d) Fenestration.

1. The arrangements of openings along a facade are an important element for consideration. Too many openings create visual clutter, while too few openings create large blank and uninteresting faces. The use of arches and lintels to define openings helps create a strong street edge and helps provide visual interest.
 2. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide ample windows and other openings along all facades of a structure that are open to pedestrian access or by which pedestrians may travel. Walls without windows are prohibited except where the Development Review Board finds such is justified by a public safety concern. At a minimum, windows and other openings shall be provided at the pedestrian level.
 3. Entry doors shall be clearly defined with an increased level of detail. For example, the use of entrances with awning and steps entrances helps to define pedestrian spaces and attract visitors. Storefront windows shall be raised above the sidewalk to display merchandise at eye level while acting as a visual “wainscoting” to the pedestrian space.
 4. The Development Review Board may waive fenestration details for industrial buildings if the proposed screening and/or location of the building otherwise fully mitigates any adverse visual impact from such buildings as viewed from adjacent roadways and properties.
- (e) Materials. Whenever possible, the use of native and natural materials (wood, stone, and brick) is encouraged in design. Glaring or reflective materials, vertical or metal siding, exterior insulation finishing systems, T-111, stucco or other synthetic building products shall not be used except: 1) in areas not visible to pedestrian and vehicular traffic; or 2) at positions above the pedestrian level. If used, these materials shall be of a form that imitates the appearance of native and natural materials.
- (f) Color. Large areas of uniform and unbroken color are discouraged. The use of cornices, trims, columns, pilasters and accent bands shall be used to break-up large expanses of colors. Colors shall be compatible with the surrounding architecture and natural environment. Excessively bright or vibrant colors shall be avoided. In general the use of earth tones (grays, beiges, tans) is encouraged for base colors. Accent and detail colors shall complement the base color.
- (g) Roofscape. On all structures, the rooftop collection of mechanical units, telecommunications infrastructure and other similar devices shall be screened from view from the ground and nearby buildings by architecturally attractive enclosures; alternatively, the

Development Review Board may approve the use of architectural elements that minimize visual impacts.

3. Landscaping

(a) Existing Vegetation.

1. Retention: Applicants shall be encouraged to protect mature trees, hedgerows and woodlots and to use such features as design elements in site plans.
2. Protection: Methods for protecting large caliper trees (over 8”) from damage during construction shall be outlined by the applicant and a condition of approval.
3. Relocation: In the event of relocation, Applicants are encouraged to relocate large caliper trees using appropriate methods whenever feasible.
4. Transitions. Between different land uses, landscaping shall be established to reduce visual impacts and noise levels, to improve air quality, and to provide greater privacy. The size or scale of the landscaping will correspond to the type of land use. Some guidelines are as follows:

Table 4-1 Transitions Between Different Land Uses

Site Land Use	Adjacent Land Use	Planting Pattern
Residential	Open Space/ Agricultural	Pattern of open spaces and woodlands of native species arranged in a soft and transitional form. No minimum necessary as long as goals are met.
Residential	Residential	Existing vegetation and new plantings shall be used to provide a buffer between abutting rear yards.
Residential	Commercial	A more densely arranged buffer of at least 50’ including a combination of deciduous and coniferous species. For high traffic generators, berms may be required for noise abatement. May be waived for PUDs if it facilitates appropriate mixed uses.
Residential	Industrial	A berm 7’ high or greater as needed to screen loading docks and other industrial operations. Such a berm shall include evergreen plantings of sufficient density to screen for noise and visual impacts. If industrial uses are setback at least 75’ from a residential boundary or if changes in topography provide sufficient relief, the Development Review Board may allow a densely arranged landscaped buffer at least 50’ wide in place of a berm.

4. Pedestrian walkways, circulation, and parking:

(a) Pedestrian accessibility. This section sets forth standards for internal pedestrian circulation systems and sidewalks outside the Town's Right-Of-Way. Continuous internal pedestrian walkways, no less than 5 feet in width, shall be provided from the public sidewalk or right-of-way to the principal customer entrance of all buildings on the site. At a minimum, walkways shall connect focal points of pedestrian activity such as, but not limited to, transit stops, street crossings, building and store entry points, and shall feature adjoining landscaped areas that includes trees, shrubs, benches, flower beds, ground covers, or other such materials for no less than 50 percent of its length. Sidewalks, no less than 5 feet in width, shall be provided along the full length of the building along any façade featuring a customer entrance, and along any façade abutting public parking areas. Such sidewalks shall be located at least six (6) feet from the façade of the building to provide planting beds for foundation landscaping, except where features such as arcades or entryways are part of the façade. Internal pedestrian walkways shall be distinguished from driving surfaces through the use of durable, low maintenance surface materials such as pavers, bricks, or scored concrete to enhance pedestrian safety and comfort, as well as the attractiveness of the walkways. Pedestrian facilities shall be maintained year round.

(c) Central features & community spaces. Buildings should offer attractive and inviting pedestrian scale features, spaces, and amenities. Entrances and parking lots should be configured to be functional and inviting with walkways conveniently tied to logical destinations. Bus stops and drop-off/pickup points should be considered as integral parts of the configuration. Pedestrian ways should be anchored by special design features such as towers, arcades, porticos, pedestrian light fixtures, bollards, planter walls, and other architectural elements that define circulation ways and outdoor spaces. Examples of outdoor spaces are plazas, patios, courtyards, and window shopping areas. The features and spaces should enhance the building and the center as integral parts of the community fabric. Each establishment subject to these standards shall contribute to the establishment or enhancement of community and public spaces by providing at least two of the following: patio/seating area, pedestrian plaza with benches, public atrium plazas, completely enclosed walkway connections between buildings, transportation center, window shopping walkway, outdoor playground area, kiosk area, water feature, clock tower, or other such deliberately shaped area and/or a focal feature or amenity that, in the judgment of the Development Review Board adequately enhances such community and public spaces. Any such

areas shall have direct access to the public sidewalk network and such features shall not be constructed of materials that are inferior to the principal materials of the buildings and landscape.

(d) Outdoor furniture. Outdoor furniture such as benches and other forms of seating, trash receptacles, lighting, etc. should be located for the convenience of the pedestrian and should be located in relation to street trees such that the amenity will remain unobstructed without excessive pruning of branches. Benches shall be per the Town's specification. Acceptable alternatives to traditional benches include backless benches, sitting walls at varying heights, and rock seating. Trash receptacles shall be logically placed to reduce litter however not visually prominent. Receptacles are best sited in the shade downwind and a respectful distance from pedestrian noses, and located so that dripping from the receptacle will not cause unsightly pavement stains.

Receptacles shall be per the Town's specifications, large enough to be obvious, and every third receptacle shall be designated and signed for recycling.

(e) Parking design. Parking areas shall be designed to reduce the visual dominance of automobiles and shall be aesthetically compatible and sensitive to the built and natural landscape. Center block parking with multiple entrances from the street shall be employed wherever feasible.

5. Dumpsters. The sharing of a dumpster by two or more users is encouraged. All dumpsters shall be located out of public areas and screened by view by appropriate landscaping or fencing. No dumpster areas or compaction areas, loading or other such uses shall be located within 50 feet of any public street or within 20 feet of any public sidewalk or internal pedestrian way.

6. Loading docks & delivery / loading operations. Loading docks, truck parking, utility meters, HVAC equipment, trash collection, trash compaction, and other service functions shall be incorporated into the overall design of the building and the landscaping so that the visual and acoustic impacts of these functions are fully contained and out of view from adjacent properties and public streets, and no attention is attracted to the functions by the use of screening materials that are different from or inferior to the principal materials of the building and landscape. Delivery and loading operations should not disturb adjoining neighborhoods, or other uses. No delivery, loading, trash removal or compaction, or other such operations shall be permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

4.05 Intentionally Reserved

ARTICLE 5: COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

5.01 Commercial District COM

5.02 Industrial District IND

5.03 Business District BD

5.01 Commercial District COM

A. Purpose. To provide designated areas to serve the needs of widely scattered residential developments with a range of retail, personal, professional and other compatible commercial type uses.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the COM District, all requirements of this Section 5.01 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the COM District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Automotive Services uses shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) All repair work shall be carried out within an enclosed building.
 - (b) Outdoor storage of scrap or junk cars, spare parts or dismantled cars may be stored outside of a building only where the area for storage is enclosed within a six (6) foot high wall or privacy type fence.
 - (c) Damaged vehicles awaiting disposition may be stored outside of a building only where the area for storage is enclosed within a six (6) foot high wall or privacy type fence.
 - (d) Up to five vehicles may be stored outside on the premises provided said storage does not exceed one (1) week in duration.
2. Gasoline Sales:
 - (a) Curb cuts shall be no less than 50 ft. from street intersections.
 - (b) Pumps, lubricating and other outside service devices shall be located at least 45 ft. from the front, side or rear lot lines, and at least 300 ft.

- from any lot occupied by a school, hospital, library or religious institution.
- (c) Storage of trailers, campers or other such vehicles shall be prohibited.
3. Car wash.
- (a) All washing facilities shall be within a completely enclosed building.
- (b) Vacuuming and drying areas may be located outside the building but shall not be in the front yard and shall not be closer than 100 ft. from any residential district.
- (c) Access points shall be located at least 50 ft. from the intersection of any two (2) streets.
- (d) All off-street parking and waiting areas shall be hard surfaced and dust free.
- (e) One (1) traffic lane shall be provided as means of exiting the facility without having to enter the car wash building, such lane to be in addition to a lane for vehicles waiting in line for the car wash and other access and circulation required herein in Article Ten.
4. Drive-ups shall be subject to the following:
- (a) shall not be located within 300 ft. of any lot occupied by a school, hospital, library, and shall not be located within 300 ft. of an abutting residential district .
- (b) There shall be separate aisles for vehicle traffic entering and exiting the site.
- (c) No parking shall be permitted in any part of the front yard setback.
- (d) Drive-up service windows shall be on the side or rear of the building.
- (e) Trash containers shall be located on concrete pads and enclosed within a screen a minimum height of the container(s).
5. Warehouse/Wholesale distribution business:
- (a) No outside storage shall be permitted.
- (b) Covered storage in more than one (1) building may be permitted provided all area and dimensional requirements are met.

5.02 Industrial District IND

A. Purpose. To provide areas for manufacturing, wholesale, processing activities or related uses which are accessible to Arterial or Collector highways or railroad transportation facilities.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the IND District, all requirements of this Section 5.02 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the IND District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. All outside storage of material shall be in the rear and only where the area for storage is enclosed within a six (6) foot high wall or privacy type fence or opaque landscaping such as berms, hedges and/or shrubbery.
2. Automotive Repair and Automotive Body Work outside a fully enclosed building may be allowed subject to the following:
 - (a) No work shall take place within the front yard.
 - (b) All work shall be screened from adjacent properties.
 - (c) All work shall meet the performance standards of Article Two.
3. All vehicle movements for loading and unloading shall be made off the public right-of-way.
4. Sanitary landfills shall meet all State of Vermont requirements for solid waste disposal.
5. Bulk fuel storage and distribution shall comply with all applicable State and Federal Regulations.
6. Equipment sales & service subject to the following:
 - (a) The lot or area shall be provided with a permanent, durable and dustless surface, and shall be graded and drained as to dispose of all surface water accumulated within the area.
 - (b) Access to the outdoor sales area shall be at least 60 ft. from the intersection of any two (2) streets
 - (c) All repairs must be carried out within an enclosed building.
 - (d) No part of the required front yard setback shall be used for storage, parking or serve as a sales lot.
7. Salvage yards:
 - (a) Must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and State of Vermont in accord with Title 24, V.S.A., Chapter 61, Subchapter 10.
 - (b) No outside storage shall be permitted in any part of required front yard setback.

5.03 Business District BD

A. Purpose. To provide an area designated for the broadest possible scope of business, manufacturing, and service uses at the Exit 16 gateway to Colchester from Interstate 89. The focus of this area shall be to foster commerce and trade including high-tech industry and supportive facilities. Within this area, there shall also be supportive general services, care facilities, restaurants, recreation, and entertainment opportunities provided that these uses compliment business activities.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the Business District, all requirements of this Section 5.01 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the Business District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Generally, accessory structures that are clearly subordinate to the primary structure shall be located within the rear or inner yard of the property.
2. Automotive Services uses shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) All repair work shall be carried out within an enclosed building.
 - (b) Outdoor storage of scrap or junk cars, spare parts or dismantled cars may be stored outside of a building only where the area for storage is enclosed within a six (6) foot high wall or privacy type fence.
 - (c) Damaged vehicles awaiting disposition may be stored outside of a building only where the area for storage is enclosed within a six (6) foot high wall or privacy type fence.
 - (d) Up to five vehicles may be stored outside on the premises provided said storage does not exceed one (1) week in duration.
3. Gasoline Sales:
 - (a) Curb cuts shall be no less than 50 ft. from street intersections.
 - (b) Pumps, lubricating and other outside service devices shall be located at least 45 ft. from the front, side or rear lot lines, and at least 300 ft.

- from any lot occupied by a school, hospital, library or religious institution.
- (c) Storage of trailers, campers or other such vehicles shall be prohibited.
4. Car wash.
- (a) All washing facilities shall be within a completely enclosed building.
- (b) Vacuuming and drying areas may be located outside the building but shall not be in the front yard and shall not be closer than 100 ft. from any residential district.
- (c) Access points shall be located at least 50 ft. from the intersection of any two (2) streets.
- (d) All off-street parking and waiting areas shall be hard surfaced and dust free.
- (e) One (1) traffic lane shall be provided as means of exiting the facility without having to enter the car wash building, such lane to be in addition to a lane for vehicles waiting in line for the car wash and other access and circulation required herein in Article Ten.
5. Drive-ups shall be subject to the following:
- (a) shall not be located within 300 ft. of any lot occupied by a school, hospital, library, or religious institution and shall not be located within 300 ft. of an abutting residential district .
- (b) There shall be separate aisles for vehicle traffic entering and exiting the site.
- (c) No parking shall be permitted in any part of the front yard setback.
- (d) Drive-up service windows shall be on the side or rear of the building.
- (e) Trash containers shall be located on concrete pads and enclosed within a screen a minimum height of the container(s).
6. Warehouse/Wholesale distribution business:
- (a) No outside storage shall be permitted.
- (b) Covered storage in more than one (1) building may be permitted provided all area and dimensional requirements are met.
7. All outside storage of material shall be in the rear and only where the area for storage is enclosed within a six (6) foot high wall or privacy type fence or opaque landscaping such as berms, hedges and/or shrubbery.
8. All vehicle movements for loading and unloading shall be made off the public right-of-way.
9. Bulk fuel storage and distribution shall comply with all applicable State and Federal Regulations.
10. Equipment sales & service subject to the following:
- (a) The lot or area shall be provided with a permanent, durable and dustless surface, and shall be graded and drained as to dispose of all surface water accumulated within the area.

(b) Access to the outdoor sales area shall be at least 60 ft. from the intersection of any two (2) streets

(c) All repairs must be carried out within an enclosed building.

(d) No part of the required front yard setback shall be used for storage, parking or serve as a sales lot.

11. Salvage yards:

(a) Must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and State of Vermont in accord with Title 24, V.S.A., Chapter 61, Subchapter 10.

(b) No outside storage shall be permitted in any part of required front yard setback

ARTICLE 6: OTHER DISTRICTS

- 6.01 Agricultural District AGR
- 6.02 Mobile Home Park District MHP
- 6.03 Flood Plain District FP
- 6.04 Agricultural Mixed Use District AMU

6.01 Agricultural District AGR

A. Purpose. To maintain preserve and enhance agricultural lands, uses, and rural character of the Town of Colchester and to protect soil, water and other natural resources, to maintain, preserve and enhance open space lands and to protect these lands from suburban development.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the AGR District, all requirements of this Section 6.01 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the AGR District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Agricultural operations shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (a) Farm buildings shall be a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.
 - (b) Feed lots, fenced runs, pens, and similar intensively used facilities for animal housing shall be a minimum of 100 feet from a Residential District as defined in Article 3.

6.02 Mobile Home Park District MHP

A. Purpose. To regulate the establishment and development of mobile home parks within residential areas.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the MHP District, all requirements of this Section 6.02 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the MHP District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. All mobile home parks shall be reviewed as Planned Residential Developments as per Article 9.

6.03 Flood Plain District FP

A. A. Purpose. In accordance with the purposes of 10 V.S.A. Chapter 32 and 24 V.S.A. §4424 to minimize adverse impacts of development upon the sensitive natural areas adjacent to Colchester's various watercourse and waterbodies and to minimize public and private loss caused by periodic flooding conditions. More specifically, to pursue the preservation of water quality, prevent pollution, avoidance of erosion, and protection of the ecology of streambeds and lands adjacent to watercourses. Only open space uses not involving structures and impervious surfaces are intended for these areas. It is the further purpose of this District to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, to prevent increases in flooding caused by the uncontrolled development of lands in areas of special flood hazard, and to minimize losses due to floods by:

1. Restricting or prohibiting use and development that is dangerous to health, safety, or property in times of flood or which causes excessive increase in flood heights or velocities.
2. Requiring that structures and uses vulnerable to flood, including public facilities that serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction or substantial improvement.
3. Protecting individuals from the acquisition of property that is unsuited for their intended purposes because of flood hazards.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1, or otherwise listed below, are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

1. Piers, docks and other structures attached to the shore not to exceed 800 sq. ft. or extend more than 150 ft. into the water body from mean water level.
2. Shore based facilities for pumping and/or disposing of wastes from boats (subject to applicable Town and State Health Regulations).
3. Boat launching ramps, swimming areas (beaches), natural areas and hunting and fishing.
4. Seawalls, retaining walls and similar structures detached from and not an integral part of a building.
5. Seasonal-temporary type private residential or camp use docks provided they do not extend more than 150 ft. from mean water level into the water body.
6. Stairs and associated landings detached from and not an integral part of a building.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.

- (1) Piers, docks or floats larger than, or extending more than 150 ft. from mean water level into the water body.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the FP District, all requirements of this Section 6.03 and Table A-2 shall apply.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the FP District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. All applications for construction within the Flood Plain District shall require the following information:
 - (a) Flood elevation of the site. Where available, base flood elevations and floodway limits provided by the National Flood Insurance Program and in the Flood Insurance Study and accompanying maps shall be used. In Special Flood Hazard Areas where base flood elevations and/or floodway limits have not been provided by the National Flood Insurance Program in the Flood Insurance Study and accompanying maps, it is the applicant's responsibility to develop the necessary data. Where available, the

applicant shall use data provided by FEMA, or State, or Federal agencies.

(b) Elevation of existing ground and proposed changes or grading plan.

(c) Elevation of lowest floor of proposed structure.

(d) Economic need of proposed development.

(e) Alternatives considered.

(f) Location of Flood Plain District in relation to proposed structure.

(g) Certification from a registered professional engineer or architect that the flood proofed structure meets the flood proofing criteria of Section 6.03F10.

(h) A description of the extent to which any water course will be altered or relocated as a result of the proposed development.

2. All applications for construction within the Flood Plain District shall meet the following additional criteria:

(a) For all Zone A properties, the DRB shall obtain, review and utilize any base flood elevation data available from a federal, state or other source as criteria for approval of all uses allowable under Section 6.03.

(b) All adjacent communities and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation shall be notified of the application prior to approval of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse. Copies of the application shall be submitted to the Federal Insurance Administration, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

(c) A copy of the application including the additional information required in Section 6.03F1 shall be submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation per Title 24 V.S.A., Section 4424. An evaluation of the application by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation will be considered by the DRB.

(d) All construction shall comply with the criteria set forth in Title 24 V.S.A., Section 4424 as amended from time to time. The application shall be reviewed under Title 24 Vermont State Statute Section 4424(2) (E) as amended from time to time and shall find positive findings under all of these criteria.

(1) The DRB shall consider if the repair, relocation, or enlargement of the nonconforming structure is required for the continued economically feasible operation of a nonresidential enterprise.

(2) The DRB shall consider if the repair, relocation, or enlargement of the nonconforming structure will increase flood levels in the regulatory floodway, increase the risk of other hazard in the area, or threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the public or other property owners.

- (3) The DRB shall consider if the repaired, relocated, or enlarged nonconforming structure will be maintained at the risk of the owner.
 - (e) The DRB shall consider the susceptibility of the proposed development to flood damage and the effect of such damage.
 - (f) The DRB shall consider the availability to the applicant of alternative locations not subject to flooding.
 - (g) The DRB shall consider the safety of access by ordinary and emergency vehicles to the property in times of flood.
 - (h) The DRB shall consider the cost or feasibility of providing governmental and public facilities during and after flooding.
3. Agricultural operations shall exclude buildings or structures other than fences, windbreaks, open sheds or temporary shelters for livestock.
 4. Essential services shall exclude buildings and structures and be located so as to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
 5. No structures shall be constructed or expanded in the floodway.
 6. No use shall be permitted that will adversely affect soils or vegetation, impair the quantity and quality of surface and ground water, erode soil, alter stream banks or stream beds, or divert watercourses.
 7. Sivicultural uses shall be conducted in accordance with Vermont Department of Forest and Parks Acceptable Management Practices.
 8. Agricultural activities shall be conducted in accordance with Vermont Department of Agriculture Acceptable Agricultural Practices.
 9. Recreation and entertainment uses shall exclude buildings and structures.
 10. All development shall be reasonably safe from flooding and:
 - (a) designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure during the occurrence of the base flood,
 - (b) constructed with materials resistant to flood damage,
 - (c) constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage, and
 - (d) constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
 - (e) adequately drained to minimize flood damage
 11. Dwelling Units:
 - (a) existing dwellings to be substantially improved that are located in Zones A, A1-30, AE, and AH shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the base flood elevation.Existing dwellings to be substantially improved that are located in Zone AO shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or at least two feet if no depth number is specified.

(b) Where existing manufactured homes are to be substantially improved or that have incurred substantial damage from a flood, the dwelling shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to no less than one foot above the base flood elevation and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist floatation, collapse, and lateral movement during the occurrence of the base flood.

(c) Where manufactured homes on sites in an existing (Pre-FIRM) manufactured home park are substantially improved or replaced, and placement at or above base flood elevation is not possible, the lowest floor shall be supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than 48 inches in height above grade and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored system to resist floatation, collapse, and lateral movement.

(c) Dwellings located within Zones AH and AO shall have adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes, to guide floodwater around and away from structures.

12. Non-residential Development:

(a) Existing structures to be substantially improved located in Zones A, A1-30, AE, and AH shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the base flood elevation or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities be designed so that below the base flood elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy.

(b) Existing structures to be substantially improved located in AO zones shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the community's FIRM or no less than two feet if no depth number is specified or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities be designed so that below the base flood elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy.

(c) A registered professional engineer or architect shall review the structural design, specifications and plans, and has certified that the design and proposed methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this subsection.

(d) Non-residential development located within Zones AH and to guide floodwater around and away from the proposed structures.

13. Any encroachment within the regulatory floodway, including fill, substantial improvement or other development, shall be prohibited unless a hydraulic analysis performed by a registered engineer in accordance with standard engineering practice certifies a zero increase in base flood elevation.

14. A project review sheet shall be obtained from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources identifying all State and Federal agencies from which permit approval is required for the project. A copy of the completed project review sheet shall be filed with the application for construction in the Flood Plain District. The identified permits, or letters indicating that such permits are not required, shall be submitted to the Administrative Officer prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

15. Excavation of earth materials or filling with earth materials or other substances shall be permitted only to the extent necessitated by a permitted or conditional use, or for the re-vegetation and restoration of the streambank and buffer. All streambank alterations must be conducted in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Stream Alteration rules.

16. The cutting or removal of trees and other natural vegetation shall be allowed only to the extent necessitated by a permitted or conditional use.

17. Enclosures below grade on all sides, including crawlspaces and basements, are prohibited.

18. Enclosed Areas Below the Lowest Floor, Below Base Flood Elevation and subject to flooding shall:

(a) Be used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage and such a condition shall be clearly stated on any permits; and

(b) Be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Such designs for meeting this requirement shall either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria: A minimum of two openings on two walls having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

19. Structures to be substantially improved in Zones A, A1-30, AE, and AH shall be located such that the lowest floor is at least one foot above base flood elevation, this must be documents, in as-built condition, with a FEMA Elevation Certificate.

20. All recreational vehicles to be placed on a site must

(i) be elevated and anchored; OR

(ii) be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days; OR

(iii) be fully licensed and highway ready.

6.04 Agricultural Mixed Use District (AMU)

- A. Purpose. To maintain and enhance agricultural uses within the Shipman Hill Neighborhood and to encourage complimentary activities that will help to sustain these agricultural uses through diversification, agri-tourism, and low impact residential growth.
- B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.
- C. Permitted Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and accessory uses to those uses. The following additional standards shall apply to the uses indicated in Table A-1:
1. General sales with a significant component of goods sold being agricultural or other items produced on the premises shall be limited as follows:
 - (a) General sales may be permitted only on parcels of 10 acres or larger. Contiguous parcels under the same ownership may be combined to satisfy this requirement.
 - (b) Maximum permitted gross building square footage for general sales is 5% of the square footage of the lot not to exceed 10,000 sq. ft.
 2. Distribution facility and warehousing with all storage within structures shall be limited as follows:
 - (a) Distribution and warehousing may be permitted only on parcels of 30 acres or greater.
- D. Conditional Uses. Those uses indicated in Table A-1 and approved pursuant to Article 8, and accessory uses to those uses. Any uses not listed in Table A-1 are prohibited. Items that are not customary as accessory uses to those listed in Table A-1 are prohibited.
- E. Area, Density and Dimensional Requirements. In the AMU District, all requirements of Table A-2 shall apply. In addition, the minimum lot size for a residential lot shall be one-half-of-an-acre and the maximum lot size shall be one acre. Density shall be determined under the Fixed Area Based Zoning Provisions of Section 6.04F. The Development Review Board may, through the Site Plan Review Process of Article VIII herein, consider lot coverage maximums of up to 40% in conjunction with the uses enumerated in Section 6.04C(1) and (2).
- F. Fixed Area Based Zoning.
1. Definitions.
 - (a) Parent parcel. A parcel of land in the AMU District that is greater than 2 acres on December 21, 2004.

(b) Development unit. The number of units determined from density calculations for a parent parcel. One development unit equals one dwelling unit to be developed within the parent parcel, subject to Section 6.04F.3, or one unit eligible for transfer under the Transferable Development Rights program (Section 7.06).

(c) Unbuildable Land. Class I or II wetland, floodplain or land that has an inadequate ability to support structures.

2. The maximum number of development units per parcel is based on the total acreage of the parent parcel less the unbuildable land area. An overall density of one dwelling unit per buildable acre is permitted in the AMU District.

3. A maximum of one-fifth ($1/5^{\text{th}}$) of all permitted development units may be built within the parent parcel. All development units are eligible for transfer out of the AMU District under the Transferable Development Rights program (Section 7.06).

4. Procedure for Determination of Development Units. Prior to or concurrent with the first subdivision of a parent parcel, the subdivider shall submit sufficient information to enable the Development Review Board to determine the maximum number of permitted development units for the parcel and the number of dwelling units that may be developed within the parent parcel. The Development Review Board shall issue Findings of Fact supporting its determination of available development units.

(Sample calculation: The Development Review Board determines that a parent parcel contains 75 total acres and 15 acres of unbuildable land. The net 60 buildable acres enable a maximum of 60 development units for the overall parcel. One-fifth of those units, or a maximum of 12 dwelling units, may be clustered within the parent parcel. The remaining 48 development units may be transferred out of the AMU District. If no dwelling units are built within the parent parcel, 60 development units may be transferred).

5. Subsequent to or concurrent with the first subdivision of a parent parcel, development units shall be assigned and shall be identified by a sequential numbering system such that each parent parcel has a unique set of numbers, one for each development unit. The Planning and Zoning Office shall maintain a record of the total permitted development units for the parent parcel, the number of dwelling units built within the parcel, the number of transferred development units, and the unused number of units.

G. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the AMU District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Agricultural operations shall be subject to the following standards:

(a) Farm buildings shall be a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.

(b) Feed lots, fenced runs, pens, and similar intensively used facilities for animal housing shall be a minimum of 100 feet from a Residential District as defined in Article 3.

2. All lots created for non-agricultural uses and all structures shall be located to minimize adverse impact on agricultural operations. The Development Review Board may require clustering of lots or other means to accomplish this objective.
3. Auto, marine or equipment storage outside completely enclosed structures shall be fenced, landscaped, or otherwise located so as to screen the items being stored from all adjacent properties.

H. Transferable Development Rights. Development units, as determined in Section 6.04F.4, may be transferred out of the AMU District under the Transferable Development Rights program (Section 7.06). For each development unit created in the sending district, the transfer rate shall be 1.0 TDR unit to be used in the R1, R2, and R3 Districts or 1.5 TDR units to be used in all other designated receiving districts (Section 7.06D).

(Sample calculation: At the time of the first subdivision of a parent parcel, the Development Review Board determines that 60 development units are available for the overall parcel. The maximum of 12 dwelling units are approved for development within the parent parcel, leaving 48 development units to be transferred. The transfer ratio allows 48 TDR units to be developed in the R1, R2, and R3 Districts or 72 TDR units to be developed in any other receiving district).

ARTICLE 7: OVERLAY DISTRICTS

- 7.01 General Development Four Commercial District GD4C
- 7.02 General Development Four Openspace District GD4OS
- 7.03 Shoreland District SD
- 7.04 Water Protection District WPD
- 7.05 Historic Preservation District HPD
- 7.06 Transfer of Development Rights District TDRD

7.01 General Development Four Commercial District GD4C

- A. Purpose. To limit high-volume commercial uses such as retail stores, drive-through banks, restaurants and gas stations within the General Development Four District. Development within GD4C shall be subject to strict guidelines of General Development Four.
- B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.
- C. Permitted Uses. Those uses allowed as permitted uses in the General Development Four District may be permitted in the GD4C Overlay District in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.04 herein. In addition to the uses permitted in Section 4.04 the following uses are permitted within GD4C:
 - (1) Banks with drive-in windows
- D. Conditional Uses. Those uses allowed as conditional uses in the General Development Four District may be permitted in the GD4C Overlay District in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.04 herein. In addition to the uses permitted in Section 4.04 the following uses are conditionally permitted within GD4C:
 - (1) Convenience store with gas pumps
 - (2) Short-order restaurant with drive-up service
 - (3) Gas sales without service and repair
 - (4) Drycleaner & laundromat majority of business is not walk-in
- E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the GD4C District, all structures shall be subject to the area, density and dimensional requirements of the General Development Four District as set forth in Section 4.04 and Table A-2, Dimensional Standards of these regulations.
- F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the GD4C District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Existing convenience stores with gas pumps and gas sales operations without service and repair shall be allowed to continue and/or expand.
2. New convenience stores with gas pumps and gas sales operations without service and repair shall be located within 3,000 feet of the Interstate 89 right-of-way.
3. No new convenience stores with gas pumps nor new gas sales operations without service and repair shall be permitted or allowed within 3,000 feet of an existing convenience store with gas pumps or gas sales operations without service and repair use, except that this limitation shall not apply to the distance between gas sale uses located on opposite sides of the Interstate 89 right of way.

7.02 General Development Four Openspace District GD4OS

- A. Purpose. To conserve open spaces of particular importance to viewscales within the General Development Four District.
- B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.
- C. Permitted Uses. Those uses allowed as permitted uses in the General Development Four District may be permitted in the GD4OS Overlay District in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.04 herein.
- D. Conditional Uses. Those uses allowed as conditional uses in the General Development Four District may be permitted in the GD4C Overlay District in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.04 herein.
- E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the GD4OS District, all structures shall be subject to the area, density and dimensional requirements of the General Development Four District as set forth in Section 4.04 and Table A-2, Dimensional Standards of these regulations.
- F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the GD4OS District shall also be subject to the following standards:
1. For all properties within the GD4OS 30% of the total acreage of any parcel to be developed shall be designated as open space. If all of the GD4OS area on a property is designated as restricted open space with covenants to keep said space open in perpetuity, the Development Review Board may increase total lot coverage by 10% beyond that permitted in General Development Four District as set forth in Section 4.04 and Table A-2.

2. Structures within the GD4OS District shall be limited to ten feet in height. The Development Review Board may increase the height of a building up to the height for the GD4 District designated in if 50% or more of the GD4OS on a property is designated as restricted open space with covenants to keep said space open in perpetuity in Section 4.04 and Table A-2.
3. The Development Review Board may approve use of the GD4OS for septic systems and stormwater treatment/detention systems, provided all GD4OS area on a property is designated as restricted open space with covenants to keep said space open in perpetuity.

7.03 Shoreland District SD

- A. Purpose. To preserve the natural growth and cover of the shorelines, to preserve water quality, to prevent pollution, to regulate development and appearance of the shorelines, to prevent erosion, to prevent nuisance, and to preserve the property rights of the shoreline property owners. The boundaries of the Shoreland District shall include all lands within 500 feet from the mean watermark of Colchester Pond, Winooski River, Lamoille River, and Lake Champlain. This district overlays all other districts along the shoreline.
- B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.
- C. Permitted Uses. The following uses are permitted in the Shoreland District in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.03 and Table A-2, Dimensional Standards.
1. Those uses which are permitted in the underlying zoning district.
 2. Piers, docks and other structures attached to the shore not to exceed 800 sq. ft. or extend more than 150 ft. into the water body from mean water level.
 3. Pumphouses designed and of a size for ordinary residential or seasonal camp use.
 4. Repair and reconstruction of existing residential structures including the installation of full basements that complies with the setbacks required in Chapter Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances.
 5. Enlargement of residential structures that does not increase the degree of encroachment within 100 feet from the mean water mark.
 6. Shore based facilities for pumping and/or disposing of wastes from boats (subject to applicable Town and State Health Regulations).
 7. Recreational uses such as picnic ground, parks, playgrounds, boat launching ramps, swimming areas (beaches), natural areas and hunting and fishing.

8. Seawalls, retaining walls and similar structures detached from and not an integral part of a building.
9. Seasonal-temporary type private residential or camp use docks are exempt provided they do not extending more than 150 ft. from mean water level into the water body.
10. Stairs and associated landings detached from and not an integral part of a building.

D. Conditional Uses. The following uses are allowed in the Shoreland District as conditional uses subject to approval by the Development Review Board in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.03 and Table A-2, Dimensional Standards.

- (1) Piers, docks or floats larger than, or extending more than 150 ft. from mean water level into the water body.
- (2) Enlargement of residential structures that increases the degree of encroachment within the 100 feet from the mean water mark. Such portion of the structure encroaching shall not exceed 10% of the building footprint in existence at the time of application within a 10 year period.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the Shoreland District structures shall be subject to the following area, density and dimensional requirements:

- (1) Except for those uses specified in Section 7.03C & D all buildings and structures shall be setback 100 feet from the mean water mark.
- (2) All buildings, structures, and lots shall comply with the minimum lot, dimensional, coverage, and height requirements of the underlying district.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development in the Shoreland District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. Temporary, seasonal type, private, residential or camp use docks are exempt from these Regulations provided such docks do not exceed the dimensional requirements of Section 7.03(E) as measured from the mean water mark.
2. Existing natural shoreline vegetation should be incorporated into the project when reasonably possible. Native plants and wildlife habitat should be considered and preserved to the greatest extent possible. No more than 25% of existing trees one inch caliper or greater shall be removed along the shoreline for a distance of 100 ft from the mean water mark within a ten year period. The Development Review Board may permit up to 40% of existing trees of one inch caliper or greater to be removed if it is determined that the removal of the trees will not have adverse impact on shoreline stability and the character of the area. Removal of dead trees or trees of immediate threat to human safety as well as reasonable pruning of existing trees is permitted. Removal of more

than 40% of existing trees may be approved by the Development Review Board in conjunction with a permitted or conditional use as stated herein.

3. The proposal for filling, grading or erection of any structure within 100 ft. inland of the mean water mark shall require site plan review and approval by the Development Review Board per Article Eight and Section 2.13. Specifically exempt from this requirement shall be those uses listed in Section 7.03C (4), (5), (9), and (10).

4. Requests for seawalls and similar structures under Section 7.03C (8) shall require site plan approval by the DRB as specified in Article Eight. In addition to the requirements of Section 7.03F, the DRB shall apply the following standards to the construction of seawalls and similar structures permitted under Section 7.03C (8):

(a) The applicant shall prove the required need of said seawall or similar structure. Required needs include threat to personal property, excessive erosion, or imminent threat to water quality. Expansion of usable property shall not constitute need. All seawalls shall be constructed in a structurally sound manner fully complying with building codes in effect.

(b) The seawall or similar structure shall be designed by a Professional Engineer or Landscape Architect. Exceptions may be made by the Board where Bio-Engineered solutions are proposed.

(c) The seawall or similar structure shall, to the extent structurally feasible, follow the existing contour of the shoreline and be located along the toe of the slope minimizing backfill and land disturbance. The structure shall be scaled to meet the need and not larger than structurally required. The Shoreline Stabilization Handbook, as amended from time to time, shall be consulted for project design. Full design plans including a site plan with property boundary lines, contours including the 95 foot, 98 foot, and 102 foot elevations shall be submitted with the application including a scaled cross-section of the wall, descriptions of material to be used, a drainage plan, a construction access plan, and soil erosion / site stabilization plan. Existing conditions shall be documented through site plans as well as photographs of the site from the waterbody.

(d) Visually massive structures are discouraged. The project design should mitigate the visual impact of the structure as viewed from the water. To this end, terracing, landscape plantings, and other aesthetic measures should be integrated into the structural solution.

(e) Whenever feasible, a coordinated solution to localized erosion problems should be taken amongst effected property owners.

5. The review of any proposed construction of shore-based facilities or any facility which projects outward from the mean water mark shall consider the following:

- (a) Will not create a hazard to navigation.
- (b) Will not adversely affect water quality or be a source of nuisance by reason of noise or fumes.
- (c) Will not interfere with or prevent use of adjacent shoreland property or its access to and from the water.
- (d) Will be compatible with adjacent land uses.
- (e) That necessary and adequate sanitary public utilities and parking facilities are available or will be made available.
- (f) Will not create an adverse vehicle traffic condition.

6. ~~All stairs shall comply with the Town of Colchester Building Codes in effect at the time of construction. Landings for stairs shall not exceed the minimum as required under the building codes. Exceptions may be granted where stairs are required to meet the Americans With Disability Act. Stairs shall, to the extent structurally feasible, minimize backfill and land disturbance.~~ **Stairs shall be no more than 44 inches in width with associated platforms being no more than 44 inches in width and 48 inches in length. All stairs shall have a handrail on at least one side. Flexibility will be exercised with regard to the rise and run of stairs permitted under this section to accommodate pedestrian access yet minimize visibility from the lake and preservation of natural features.**

7. All stairs shall minimally disturb existing contours on the site and where possible follow existing contour lines. Stairs shall make use of the natural vegetation and topography to blend with the shoreline. All stairs shall be screened from the water body through the use of landscaping.

8. The Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may be requested to review, comment on, or approve all applications for construction below the 98 foot elevation prior to issuance of a building permit for said construction. The Development Review Board and the Department of Planning and Zoning may utilize the recommendations of the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its decision whether or not to issue a building permit for said construction.

9. Enlargement of a residential structure that increases encroachment within the 100 feet from the mean water mark shall demonstrate that said enlargement can not reasonably be accomplished without further encroachment due to topography, shape of the lot, or interior floor plan layout. Enlargement that results in additional encroachment shall be adequately screened from the water body, shall make use of existing topography, shall utilize earth-tone colors, and shall make use of the natural vegetation and topography to blend with the shoreline.

10. Legal encroachments per Section 7.03 shall not be subject to the time limits established under Section 2.12B(2).

7.04 Water Protection District WPD

A. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Section to provide for the protection and improvement of the surface waters and wetland within the Town of Colchester. These regulations and standards are intended to lead to the establishment and protection of natural areas along the Town's surface waters and wetlands to provide improved protection for water quality and the provision of open space areas and wildlife habitat. It is the further purpose of this Section to provide for the retention of preexisting residential neighborhoods located along surface waters and streams in a manner consistent with the resource protection goals of this Section and the Municipal Plan.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Surface Water Buffer Standards ("Stream Buffers")

1. Applicability. The requirements of this Section shall apply to all lands not developed with a single-family dwelling or duplex dwelling as of December 21, 2004, and not under the jurisdiction of the Development Review Board, and described as follows:

(a) All land within eight-five (85) feet horizontal distance of the center of the main channel of Allen Brook, Indian Brook, Malletts Creek, Pond Brook and Sunderland Brook and from the center of all tributaries of the above named streams and all other minor streams which shall be subject to the provisions of (b) below.

(b) Initial assessment of a stream location can be made by consulting the Overlay District Map. In the case of a conflict with the map, final assessment will be made by a wetland/aquatic biologist. The origin of a stream or tributary is defined as the point where an intermittent stream forms a distinct channel, as indicated by the presence of a streambed and/or high water marks.

2. General standards. It is the objective of these standards to promote the establishment of heavily vegetated areas of native vegetation and trees in order to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff, reduce sedimentation, and increase infiltration and base flows in the Town's watercourses. Therefore, except as specifically permitted below and in Section 7.04C3 & 4, all lands within a required stream buffer defined above shall be left in an undisturbed, naturally vegetated condition. Supplemental planting and landscaping with appropriate species of vegetation to achieve these objectives shall be permitted. The specific standards for the vegetation and maintenance of stream buffers are as follows:

(a) No more than 25% of existing trees one inch caliper or greater shall be removed within 85 feet from the centerline of the stream within a ten year period. The Development Review Board may permit up to 40% of existing trees of one inch caliper or greater to be removed if it is determined that

the removal of the trees will not have adverse impact on the character of the area. Removal of dead trees or trees of immediate threat to human safety as well as reasonable pruning of existing trees is permitted. Removal of more than 40% of existing trees may be approved by the Development Review Board in conjunction with a permitted or conditional use within underlying districts.

(b) Any altered or relocated portion of a watercourse shall maintain its flood carrying capacity. Any areas within a required stream buffer that are not vegetated or that are disturbed during construction shall be seeded with a naturalized mix of grasses rather than standard lawn grass, and shall not be mowed more than one (1) time per calendar year after establishment.

(c) The creation of new lawn areas within stream buffers is not permitted after December 21, 2004.

(d) Accessory residential structures which do not exceed 120 square feet and residential pools that do not exceed 500 square feet are hereby exempted provided the primary structure is in existence on December 21, 2004.

(e) Enlargement, repair and reconstruction of residential structures in existence on December 21, 2004 are hereby exempted.

(f) Residential fences where the primary structure is in existence on December 21, 2004 are hereby exempt.

3. Expansion of pre-existing structures within stream buffers. The expansion of pre-existing structures within stream buffers, except as provided in Section 7.04C2 above, shall be permitted only in accordance with the standards for noncomplying structures in Section 2.12 of these Regulations.

4. New uses and encroachments within stream buffers. The encroachment of new land development activities into the Town's stream buffers is discouraged. The DRB may authorize the following as conditional uses within stream buffers, subject to the standards and conditions enumerated for each use.

(a) Agriculture in accordance with Vermont Department of Agriculture Acceptable Agricultural Practices, horticulture and forestry including the keeping of livestock, provided that any building or structure appurtenant to such uses is located outside the stream buffer.

(b) Clearing of vegetation and filling or excavating of earth materials, only to the extent directly necessitated for the construction or safe operation of a permitted or conditional use on the same property and where the DRB finds that:

(1) There is no practicable alternative to the clearing, filling or excavating within the stream buffer; and

(2) The purposes of this Section will be protected through erosion controls, plantings, protection of existing vegetation, and/or other measures.

(c) Encroachments necessary to rectify a natural catastrophe for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

- (d) Encroachments necessary for providing for or improving public facilities.
- (e) Public recreation paths and bridges.
- (f) Stormwater treatment facilities meeting the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources stormwater treatment standards, and routine maintenance thereof, including necessary clearing of vegetation and dredging. Evidence of a complete application to the VANR for coverage under the applicable permitting requirements shall be required to meet this criterion for encroachment into a stream buffer. The conveyance of treated stormwater to a stream through a pipe or open channel shall occur at the invert elevation of the streambed, wherever possible, and shall be stabilized by a stone outfall. A maintenance schedule for permanent stormwater best management practices shall be submitted and approved by the Town Engineer. A performance bond may be required for said improvements.
- (g) Roadways or access drives for purposes of crossing a stream buffer area to gain access to land on the opposite side of the buffer, or for purposes of providing safe access to an approved use, in cases where there is no feasible alternative for providing safe access. Roadways, access drives, and associated improvements shall meet the following standards:
 - (1) Wherever practicably feasible, the crossing shall occur at right-angle to the stream channel and the roadway or access drive should be located at least ten (10) feet from the edge of channel of the surface water.
 - (2) Unless otherwise approved by the Town Engineer, for streams up to 6 feet wide, arch (squashed) culverts with baffles or box culverts with baffles shall be used. In either case, the invert of the structure shall be at grade with the streambed. For streams 6 feet wide or greater, bottomless Plate Arches or bridges will be used to ensure passage of water during dry periods and minimize barriers to fish. All roadway bridges or plate arches shall be capable of passing a 50-year peak discharge.
 - (3) Unless otherwise approved by the Town Engineer, for culvert headers there should be 4' of scour protection (below streambed) or a minimum of 1/2 culvert diameter. Headers and wing walls should be high enough to retain road fills and provide for adequate roadway width. Wing configuration shall be as necessary to retain fill slopes and control inlet and outlet erosion.
- (h) Utility lines, including power, telephone, cable, sewer and water, to the extent necessary to cross or encroach into the stream buffer where there is no feasible alternative for providing or extending utility services. Underground utility crossings should be located at least 3 feet below the streambed, so that future channel erosion does not expose them.
- (i) Outdoor recreation not involving the uses of mowed fields provided any building or structure (including parking and driveways however

except bridges and boardwalks) appurtenant to such use is located outside the stream buffer.

(j) Research and educational activities provided any building or structure (including parking and driveways) appurtenant to such use is located outside the stream buffer.

(k) Hydro-electric power generation

D. Wetland Buffer Standards

1. Applicability. The requirements of this Section shall apply to all of the following lands:

(a) Lands designated as Class I and II wetlands

(b) All lands within fifty (50) feet horizontal distance of the edge of a Class I and II wetland

(c) Initial assessment of a wetland location can be made by consulting the National Wetland Inventory map and the Overlay District Map. In the case of a conflict with the map, final assessment will be made by a wetland/aquatic biologist.

2. General standards. It is the objective of these standards to promote the establishment of heavily vegetated areas of native vegetation and trees in order to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff, reduce sedimentation, and increase infiltration and base flows in the Town's wetlands. Therefore, except as specifically permitted below, all lands within wetlands and required wetland buffers defined above shall be left in an undisturbed, naturally vegetated condition:

(a) Encroachment into Class I and II wetlands is permitted by the Town only in conjunction with issuance of a Conditional Use Determination (CUD) by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and positive findings by the DRB pursuant to the criteria in Section 7.04D2(b) below.

(b) Encroachment into Class I and II wetland buffers may be permitted by the DRB upon finding that the proposed project's overall development, erosion control, stormwater treatment system, provisions for stream buffering, and landscaping plan achieve the following standards for wetland protection:

(1) The encroachment(s) will not adversely affect the ability of the property to carry or store flood waters adequately;

(2) The encroachment(s) will not adversely affect the ability of the proposed stormwater treatment system to reduce sedimentation according to state standards;

(3) The impact of the encroachment(s) on the specific wetland functions and values identified in the field delineation and wetland report is minimized and/or offset by appropriate landscaping, stormwater treatment, stream buffering, and/or other mitigation measures.

- (4) There shall be no adverse affect to soils or vegetation, impairment of the quantity and quality of surface and ground water, or soil erosion.
- (5) Excavation of earth materials or filling with earth materials or other substances will be permitted only to the extent necessitated by a permitted or conditional use.

7.05 Historic Preservation District HPD

A. Purpose. To encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures within the Fort Ethan Allen National Register Historic District. Development should be sensitive to Colchester's historic and archaeological sites and structures as these serve as visible reminders of the community's past. Changes to historic structures should be sympathetic to the structure, and to the extent possible, in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

B. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted municipal plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

C. Permitted Uses. Those uses allowed as permitted uses in the underlying zoning districts as specified in Table A-1 may be permitted in the HPD Overlay District in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.05 herein.

D. Conditional Uses. Those uses allowed as conditional uses in the underlying zoning districts as specified in Table A-1 may be allowed in the HPD in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.05 and Article 8, Conditional Uses, herein.

E. Area, Density, and Dimensional Requirements. In the HPD District, all structures shall be subject to the area, density and dimensional requirements of the underlying district and Table A-2, Dimensional Standards of these regulations with the following exceptions:

1. The following exceptions to setbacks and lot coverages shall be permitted for lots that meet the following criteria: the lot was in existence prior to January 1, 1983, the proposed project meets or exceeds the minimum standards set forth below and in Section 7.05F herein, and no adverse affect to a National Register eligible or listed property is created by the project.

- (a) Side and Rear Setbacks. Encroachment of a structure into a required side or rear setback may be approved by the Development Review Board subject to the provisions of Article 8, Conditional Uses, up to a distance equal to 50% of the side or rear setback

requirement of the district, but in no event shall a structure have a side or rear setback of less than five (5) feet. In no case shall there be less than 10 feet between structures. In addition, the Development Review Board shall determine that the proposed encroachment will not have an undue adverse affect on:

- (1) views of adjoining and/or nearby properties;
- (2) access to sunlight of adjoining and/or nearby properties;
- (3) adequate on-site parking; and
- (4) safety of adjoining and/or nearby property.

(b) Front Setbacks. Encroachment of a structure into a required front yard setback may be approved by the Development Review Board subject to the provisions of Article 8, Conditional Uses, up to the average front setback of principal structures on adjacent lots on the same street frontage, but in no event shall a structure have a front setback of less than five (5) feet. In no case shall there be less than 10 feet between structures. In addition, the Development Review Board shall determine that the proposed encroachment will not have an undue adverse affect on:

- (1) views of adjoining and/or nearby properties;
- (2) access to sunlight of adjoining and/or nearby properties;
- (3) adequate on-site parking; and
- (4) safety of adjoining and/or nearby property.

(c) Processing of a Request. Any request under subsections (a) – (b) above to expand an existing structure, or place a new structure shall include the submission of survey data prepared by a licensed surveyor showing the location of affected property lines, existing and/or proposed structures, and any other information deemed necessary by the Zoning Administrator.

(d) Lot Coverage. For lots that are five thousand (5,000) square feet or greater in size, but less than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet, lot coverage may exceed the maximum allowed for the district up to a maximum of eighty percent (80%) for total lot coverage. For lots that are less than five thousand (5,000) square feet in size, lot coverage may exceed the maximum allowed for the district up to a maximum of ninety percent (90%) for total lot coverage.

F. Additional Standards. In addition to the Site Plan, Conditional Use, Planned Unit Development criteria, all development requiring review by the Development Review Board in the HPD District shall also be subject to the following standards:

1. The Board shall evaluate the historical, architectural, or cultural value of the building(s), structure(s), or site(s) and its relationship and contribution to the setting;
2. The Board shall evaluate the compatibility of the proposed exterior design, arrangement, orientation, texture, and materials with the existing

buildings or structures and its setting; or if new construction, compatibility with the surrounding area;

3. The Board shall evaluate the scale and general size of the proposed building or structure in relation to existing surroundings, including consideration of such factors as the building's overall height, width, street frontage, number of stores, roof type, facade openings (windows, doors, etc.), and architectural details;

4. The Board shall evaluate factors including open space, yards, off-street parking, screening, fencing, entrance drives, sidewalks, signs, lights, and/or any landscaping that might affect the character of any building within the Historic Preservation District, shall be considered as well as those factors which relate to the placement of a structure or group of structures which might affect the overall streetscape;

5. The Board shall evaluate the impact the proposal will have on the surroundings, and the extent to which it will preserve and enhance the historic, architectural and cultural qualities of the Historic Preservation District, and the community. The Board shall be guided by the following:

(a) every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use which will require minimum alteration to the structure and its environment;

(b) rehabilitation or renovation work shall not destroy the distinguishing qualities or character of the structure and its environment. Historic material or architectural features should not be removed or altered;

(c) deteriorated architectural features should be repaired rather than replaced where ever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on physical or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural features from other buildings;

(d) changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of the structure and its environment, and these changes shall be recognized and respected;

(e) all structures are recognized as products of their own time.

Alterations to reproduce an earlier period are discouraged;

(f) additions to existing structures are acceptable if such design, materials and construction are of quality and are compatible with the size, scale, material, and character of the neighborhood, structures, and its environment;

(g) whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if they were removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the original structure would be unimpaired;

- (h) every reasonable effort shall be made so that structures not be razed or demolished, in order to preserve the historic streetscape;
- (i) new construction shall be sympathetic to architectural features and materials which are in keeping with the character of the historic buildings found within the Historic Preservation District. New structures should enhance, and maintain the integrity of the District and its structures.

7.06 Transfer of Development Rights District (TDRD)

A. Purpose. The Town of Colchester hereby establishes Transferable Development Rights, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 4423 of the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, in order to protect the agricultural resources and open spaces of the town and to promote residential development in areas that are consistent with the goals of the town's Municipal Plan.

Transferable Development Rights are acquired in designated sending areas and applied in designated receiving areas in accordance with the procedures of this section.

B. Definitions.

1. Sending areas: the designated areas of town within which Transferable Development Rights may be created and acquired for use in a receiving area. (See Section 7.06C)
2. Receiving areas: the designated areas of town within which Transferable Development Rights, created and acquired in another area of town, may be applied to increase permissible density of use on a specific lot. (See Section 7.06D)
3. Sending unit: one unit of development that is removed from the sending area and is available for transfer to a receiving area.
4. Transferable Development Right: the right to build one unit of development within a designated receiving area. One unit of development equals one residential dwelling unit.

C. Sending Areas. Sending areas, or areas from which Transferable Development Rights may be acquired, shall include designated parcels within the Agricultural Mixed Use District (AMU).

1. TDR Calculation. Development rights available for transfer to the receiving area shall be assigned at the rate of one (1) TDR for each sending unit used in the R1, R2, & R3 Districts and one-and-one-half (1.5) TDRs for each sending unit used in all other receiving districts.
2. Permitted Uses After TDR Transfer. Permitted uses on property in the sending area from which development rights have been severed through execution of an easement agreement, per Section E herein, shall be limited to the following:

- (a) Temporary Emergency, Construction and Repair Residences
- (b) Commercial Greenhouse Operation
- (c) Roadside stands for the sale of produce grown on the premises
- (d) Stables and Arenas for Horses
- (e) Agricultural Operation
- (f) Sivicultural Operation
- (g) Firewood Operation
- (h) Privately owned facilities outdoor recreational facilities limited to paths and trails
- (i) Publicly owned outdoor recreational facilities limited to paths and trails

D. Receiving Areas. The receiving areas, or the areas within which Transferable Development Rights acquired in sending areas may be applied, shall consist of all land in the R1, R2, R3, GD1, GD2, GD3 and GD4 Zoning Districts.

1. Existing Development Rights. In addition to transferable development rights acquired from sending areas, there shall also exist an inherent right to develop the receiving property under the normal density indicated in Table A-2.
2. Permitted Uses. Uses permitted on land in the receiving area shall consist of those uses listed in Table A-1.
3. TDR Usage Rates. Development may occur in conformance with the provisions of this section at the rate of one (1) Transferable Development Right for each one dwelling unit.
4. Maximum Permitted Density. Transferable Development Rights acquired under this section may be applied to any property in the receiving area, with the exception of GD3 and GD4, up to a maximum of two times the normal density indicated in Table A-2. In the GD3 and GD4 receiving areas, the maximum density may be up to three times the normal density indicated in Table A-2 provided the criteria of Section 4.03E3 and Section 4.04E3 are met.

E. Procedures.

1. Creation of Transferable Development Rights. A Transferable Development Right may be created after the Development Review Board has determined the number of development units available in a parent parcel in accordance with Section 6.05F.4. A landowner may designate one or more development units to be made available for transfer. A Transfer of Development Right is created when a development unit designated above is made transferable upon execution and filing of an "Easement Agreement" between the landowner as grantor and the Town of Colchester as grantee. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall execute the easement agreement which then shall be filed in the land records and a copy sent to the Colchester Assessor. The easement agreement shall:
 - (a) establish a restriction on the affected property limiting it to those uses listed in Section 7.06C.2 above for a period of 50 years following the date of execution of the agreement, and

- (b) list by identifying number the specific development units being used for the creation of Transferable Development Rights.

At any time prior to execution of a Deed of Transfer the landowner may revoke such easement by recording in the land records an agreement to that effect as signed by the Director of Planning and Zoning with a copy sent to the Colchester Assessor.

2. Transfer of Transferable Development Rights. Transferable Development Rights may be transferred from one owner to another by execution and filing of a "Deed of Transfer" which shall include identification by number of the development units being transferred. Each transferred development unit shall create one (1) Transferable Development Right for use in the R1, R2, and R3 Districts or one-and-one-half (1.5) Transferable Development Rights for use in all other receiving districts. After execution of the Deed of Transfer by both the seller and the buyer of the Transferable Development Rights, the deed shall be filed in the Colchester land records and a copy sent to the Assessor.
3. Use of Transferable Development Rights. All development applications utilizing Transferable Development Rights shall be reviewed under the same development review criteria used for other applications in the receiving district. As a condition of approval, the required Transferable Development Rights shall be permanently attached to the parcel of land being developed by executing and filing a "Document of Attachment" which:
 - (a) shall be executed by an individual who has clear ownership of both the receiving parcel and the Transferable Development Rights which are to be attached to the receiving parcel;
 - (b) shall identify by number the Transferable Development Rights to be attached, with reference to the book and page number in which the Easement Agreement which created them is recorded, and any Deeds of Transfer by which their ownership has been transferred; and
 - (c) shall be filed in the Colchester land records and a copy sent to the Assessor.

ARTICLE 8: SITE PLAN AND CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW

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8.01 General Purpose

It is the purpose of this Article to regulate site development plans in order that adequate light, air, convenience of access, and safety from fire, flood, and other danger may be secured; that congestion in the public streets may be lessened or avoided; that the public health, safety, and general public welfare may be promoted; and that the preservation of historic landmarks, sites, districts, and buildings be promoted. The site plan review process and the conditional use review process will allow the Town of Colchester to review the arrangement, layout, use interrelationships and neighborhood impacts of sites intended for development or redevelopment and to ensure the aesthetic quality of such design to conform to the character of the neighborhood and the goals of the municipal plan. In reviewing site plans and conditional uses, appropriate conditions and safeguards may be imposed with respect to the adequacy of pedestrian and vehicular access, circulation, parking, landscaping and screening, and to encourage the conservation of energy.

8.02 Definition of Site Plan

As used in this Article, the term site plan shall mean a rendering, drawing, or sketch prepared to specifications contained in this article. The site plan shall show the arrangement, layout, and design of the proposed use of a single parcel or assembled parcels of land.

8.03 Uses and Actions Subject to Site Plan Approval

A. Site Plan Approval Required. Site plan approval shall be required prior to issuance of a building permit in all districts, except as provided in subsection B, for:

1. Any new use, change in use, or expansion of use in any district.
2. Uses subject to conditional use permit approval. See Section 8.10 below.
3. Any alteration or change to an approved site plan.
4. New parking lots or expansions of existing parking lots.

5. Any structure formerly used as a residence proposed for conversion to non-residential use.
6. Notwithstanding subdivision approval, any planned unit development that denotes building footprints, parking, circulation, and other related amenities. See Article 9, Planned Unit Development, for specific PUD regulations.

B. Excluded from Site Plan Review. Specifically excluded from the provisions of this article are:

1. One-family dwelling on a single lot, its accessory structures, and related features such as decks, pools, sheds, and detached garages.
2. Two-family dwelling on a single lot, its accessory structures, and related features such as decks, pools, sheds, and detached garages.
3. Agricultural and horticultural uses.
4. Forestry uses.
5. Repair and replacement of existing driveways, curb cuts, aprons, and sidewalks.
6. Repairs to existing swimming pools.
7. Fences and walls as provided in these Zoning Regulations.
8. Repair and replacement of interior amenities (such as carpeting) that are one hundred percent (100%) internal to an existing building or structure.
9. Exterior renovations to an existing building or structure that do not increase, alter or otherwise modify the outer envelope of said building or structure or in any way alter the building from its duly permitted Town approvals, except in Historic Preservation District (see Article 7).
- 10. Interior renovations to an existing building that do not increase or alter the use or otherwise increase parking needs, wastewater or water requirements, vehicle trip ends, or otherwise modify the use of the property so as to violate the previously approved site plan for the property.**

8.04 Approval of Site Plans by Development Review Board

A. Authority. Per 24 V.S.A Section 4416, the Development Review Board (DRB) shall have the authority to review and approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove site plans prepared to the specifications set forth in this Article, except as provided for administrative site plan reviews.

B. Review Period. Where site plan review by the DRB or Administrative Officer is required, the DRB or the **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~ shall act to approve or disapprove any such site plans within the time required by 24 V.S.A. Section 4464. Failure to so act within said period shall be deemed approval. Copies of the DRB or **Administrative Officer's** ~~Development Review Coordinator's~~ decision, referred to as the findings of fact and order, shall be sent to the applicant.

C. Combined Decision for Conditional Uses. Where a conditional use permit is required, the DRB shall make the determination on the conditional use permit and on the site plan

permit required for the conditional use and shall issue one (1) set of findings of fact pertaining to both.

8.05 Application, Review, and Approval Procedure

A. Pre-Submission (Technical Review Committee). Prior to a formal submission, the applicant should contact the **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~ to inquire as to whether or not a Technical Review Committee is recommended for the project. If the **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~ determines that a Committee meeting is recommended, the **Officer** ~~Coordinator~~ may setup a meeting with appropriate Town officials and the applicant to discuss the proposed site plan. The intent of such a conference is to enable the applicant to inform the Department of Planning and Zoning of the proposal prior to the preparation of a detailed site plan and for said Department to review the basic site design concept, advise the applicant as to potential problems and concerns, and to determine generally the type of information to be shown on and submitted with the site plan.

B. Submission. A site plan generally shall be prepared by a registered architect, licensed landscape architect, licensed land surveyor, licensed engineer, or professional land planner. The site plan shall be submitted to the DRB for approval.

C. Fees. All submissions for site plan approval shall be accompanied by a fee as established by the Select Board in Chapter Six of the Colchester Code of Ordinances and amended from time to time.

D. Application for Site Plan.

Eight copies of a site plan application and eight (8) sets of plans, including eight (8) copies reduced to 11" by 17", drawn to scale, shall include the following information for the Development Review Coordinator to deem the application complete and ready to send to the DRB for its review:

1. Existing conditions plan and data:

- (a) A list of the owners of record of abutting properties, which may be generated by the **Planning & Zoning Assessor's** Department or by the applicant.
- (b) Boundaries of existing zoning and overlay districts on the subject property and adjacent zoning and overlay district boundaries.
- (c) Area and boundaries of the property, building or setback lines as required in this chapter, and lines of existing streets and adjoining lots, as shown on a survey.
- (d) Reservations, easements and areas dedicated to public use shall be shown.
- (e) Lot dimensions and survey data, and section and lot numbers of the subject property. The preferred scale shall be not less than one (1) inch equals thirty (30) feet.

(f) Such map shall show the applicant's entire property, adjacent properties, streets within two hundred (200) feet of the site, approximate location and dimensions of all existing structures, and location of all existing structures on adjacent properties and within one hundred (100) feet of the site boundary. At the discretion of the **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~ the required area of the site plan may be increased.

(g) Location of watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands, floodplains, and floodplain boundaries as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or as mapped by the Town of Colchester, watercourses, wetlands, rock outcrops, wooded areas, existing vegetation, and other significant natural features on the site.

(h) Topographic contours and profiles as needed. Existing and proposed contours should be shown at a maximum vertical interval of two (2) feet.

(i) Location of, square footage, and height of existing structures and uses on the site.

(j) Existing structures and access points on adjacent properties, including those directly across a public street.

2. Development plan and data:

(a) The title of the development, date, North arrow, scale, name and address of the owner of record and of the applicant, if other than the owner, and of the engineer, architect, landscape architect or surveyor preparing the plan shall be shown on a site plan map. Where the applicant or owner is a corporation, the DRB may require the names and addresses of all officers, directors and principal stockholders of said corporation. The preferred scale shall be not less than one (1) inch equals thirty (30) feet.

(b) Lines and dimensions of all property that is offered, or to be offered, for dedication for public use, with purpose indicated thereon, and of all property that is proposed to be served by deed covenant for the common use of the property owners of the development.

(c) Estimated project construction schedule, phasing, and date of completion.

(d) Estimated cost of all site improvements.

(e) If a restaurant is proposed, the number of seats and square footage of floor area provided for patron use but not containing fixed seats should be provided.

(f) All means of vehicular access and egress to and from the site onto public streets (dimensions, widths, & turning radii), and all provisions for pedestrian access and circulation. Existing highway geometries should be given that include access points near the project. Sight distance in both directions of all driveway intersections should also be shown on the plans. The linear footage and width for proposed roads/driveways should be provided.

(g) Elevations, floor plans, and sections of proposed structures showing the proposed location, use, design and height of all structures, key boxes,

and building sprinkler hook-ups. Plans shall also show any proposed division of buildings into units of separate occupancy and location of drives and access thereto.

(h) The location and layout of any off-street parking or loading areas, traffic circulation areas, truck circulation patterns, loading areas, areas for snow storage, bike racks, pedestrian walkways, and fire lanes.

(i) Analysis of traffic impacts, including traffic level of service/capacity analysis for existing and future conditions. Estimated daily and peak hour traffic generation, and an estimate of traffic generation during the peak hour of the adjacent street traffic. A traffic study may be required by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** in accordance with Appendix D herein.

(j) Lot area in square feet and acres, and lot coverage calculations including building, overall, and front yard coverage.

(k) The location of all proposed waterlines, valves and hydrants and sewer lines or wells and sewage tanks, fields, lines and/or septic test pit and percolation information. Information on water fire flows and pressures is also required.

(l) Detailed landscaping plan, including type, size, and location of all materials used and plans for buffer screening and fencing in conformance with Article 10, Section 10.04, Landscaping, Screening, and Street Trees.

(m) Cut sheets for all proposed outdoor lighting within the site including mounting heights and a point by point lighting scheme.

(n) The general location of any free-standing signs.

(o) The location of any outdoor storage for equipment and materials if any, and the location, type and design of all solid waste-related facilities, including dumpsters and recycling bins.

(p) Location and design of all energy distribution facilities, including electrical, gas, and solar energy.

(q) Recreation areas if required.

(r) Preliminary grading, drainage, landscaping and buffering plan in accordance with Article 2.

(s) The extent and amount of cut and fill for all disturbed areas, including before-and-after profiles and cross sections of typical development areas, parking lots and roads, and including an erosion and sedimentation control plan, and proposed locations of sediment sink/setting pond and interceptor swales.

(t) Detailed plans of retaining walls, steps, ramps, paving, and drainage structures.

(u) Estimate of all earthwork, including the quantity of any material to be imported to or removed from the site or a statement that no material is to be removed or imported.

(v) Proposed stormwater management system, including (as applicable) location, supporting design data and copies of computations used as a basis for the design capacities and performance of stormwater management facilities.

- (w) The location of all existing and proposed site improvements, including drains, culverts, retaining walls and fences.
 - (x) Finished grades of walls, pavements, and storm drains.
3. Other: Any other information or data that the **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~ or DRB shall require for a full assessment of the project pursuant to this article.

F. Development Review Board Action.

1. The DRB shall review the site plan application in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 4464. The DRB shall review the application against the site plan criteria in this Article 8 and any other applicable standards in these Regulations. If the DRB determines that the site plan and supporting material fail to demonstrate compliance with applicable standards, it shall deny the site plan. However, if it further determines that with a minor modification or modifications the site plan and supporting material would comply with applicable standards, the DRB may, in its discretion, impose a condition or conditions requiring such modification or modifications and approve the site plan. For the purpose of this section, a minor modification is one that leaves no part of its implementation to the discretion of the applicant.
2. Upon approval, the applicant shall provide two (2) full-sized copies and one (1) copy reduced to 11" by 17" of the approved plan to the Department of Planning and Zoning. A copy of the DRB's findings of fact and order shall be sent to the applicant and recorded in the Town Clerk's office. Two (2) record copies of the plans shall be retained in the Department of Planning and Zoning.
3. Upon approval, the applicant shall provide a copy of the site plan in digital format meeting the Town of Colchester "Digital Format Requirements" in Appendix G.

G. Waiver of Application Requirements. The **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~ shall have the authority to, when reasonable, waive any application requirements for site plan approval. Any such waiver may be exercised in the event any such requirements are 1) found not to be requisite in the interest of public health, safety, or general welfare or 2) inappropriate to a particular site plan because of the particular character or limited nature of a new development or change in use or conditions peculiar to a site or 3) will cause extraordinary and unnecessary hardship.

H. Expiration of Approval. Development Review Board approval of a site plan shall expire if any of the following circumstances occurs:

1. A complete application for a building permit is not submitted within twelve (12) months of the DRB approval, except where the phasing of development over a longer period has been specifically provided for in the findings of fact at the time of site plan approval. The said twelve (12) month period shall be extended by any action caused by court proceedings.
2. Work authorized under a building permit is not commenced and diligently pursued through the completion of substantial construction within twelve (12) months of receiving a building permit.

3. Upon prior written request to the DRB, including a statement of justification for the requested time extension, the time period for obtaining a building permit may be individually extended for a maximum period of twelve (12) calendar months from the otherwise specified termination dates.

I. Field Changes and As-Built Plans

1. Field Changes

- (a) During construction, the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** may authorize or require, at his/her own determination or upon the request of the applicant, minor adjustments to the approved site plan when such adjustments are necessary in light of technical or engineering considerations. Such minor adjustments shall be consistent with the spirit and intent of the approved site plan.
- (b) Where unforeseen conditions are encountered which require any material change to an approved site plan or where the developer wishes to modify the approved plan for other reasons, a site plan application shall be filed with the DRB or **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** for review in accordance with procedures required for the amendment of applications.

2. As-Built Plans

- (a) Upon completion of any development or redevelopment pursuant to an approved site plan involving field changes as set forth in (1) above, and prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the applicant shall submit to the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** an as-built plan, prepared and certified by a licensed engineer, architect, landscape architect or surveyor, showing the location of all site improvements as constructed. Such plan shall be based on a field survey.
- (b) Said as-built plan shall be reviewed by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** to determine if it is in compliance with the approved site plan. The **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** shall specify its compliance with or variation from the approved site plan by signature and shall file one (1) copy with the Department of Planning and Zoning and a revised site plan in digital format meeting the Town of Colchester "Digital Format Requirements" in Appendix G.
- (c) If variations from the approved final site plan exist, an amended site plan shall be filed with the DRB for review in accordance with the same procedures required for initial applications.

J. Technical or Consultant Review of Site Plans. The DRB may require an independent technical review of the application. The site plan review applicant shall pay for the cost of such review per Chapter Six and a Half of the Colchester Code of Ordinances. The Development Review Board may table review of the application pending receipt of an independent technical review.

K. Escrow Requirements. The owner or developer shall provide a suitable escrow account or letter of credit to guarantee the completion of all required landscaping, site restoration, and public improvements. In the case of public improvements, a Public Improvement Agreement shall be signed and the escrow account or letter of credit shall be sufficient to guarantee the improvements for a period of two (2) years following completion. In the case of landscaping, a Landscape Agreement shall be signed and the escrow account or letter of credit shall be sufficient to guarantee all planting for a period of two (2) years. Once the landscaping or public improvements are installed, the amount bonded for may be reduced to 10% of the original amount. Agreements and escrows shall be submitted to the Town prior to issuance of a permit.

8.06 General Review Standards

The following general criteria and standards shall be used by the DRB in reviewing applications for site plan approval. The criteria are intended to provide a framework within which the designer of the site development is free to exercise creativity, invention, and innovation while improving the visual appearance of the Town of Colchester. The DRB shall restrict itself to a reasonable, professional review, and, except as otherwise provided in the following subsections, the applicant shall retain full responsibility for design.

8.07 Specific Review Standards

A. The DRB shall consider the following in its review of a site plan application:

1. Will not result in undue water or air pollution.
2. Does have sufficient water available for the reasonably foreseeable needs of the subdivision or development.
3. Will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or reduction in the capacity of the land to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition may result. See Section 2.13.
4. Will not cause unreasonable road congestion or unsafe conditions with respect to use of the roads existing or proposed.
5. The adequacy of landscaping, screening and setbacks in regard to adjacent properties.
6. Will not have an undue adverse effect on historic sites or rare and irreplaceable natural areas.
7. Will not have an undue adverse effect on scenic or natural beauty of the area and aesthetics. Please address the following:
 - (a) Describe how the project is suitable for its surroundings, the locations from which it can be viewed and the potential impact on open space.
 - (b) Does the project violate the Town's Municipal Plan, Zoning Regulations, Town Official Map, Town Overlay Map, Chapter Four "Building Code and Building Construction Ordinance", Seven "Fire Prevention and Protection", Eight "On-Site Sewage Disposal Regulations", Ten "Sewers", or Fourteen "Construction

Standards Applicable to Land Development” of the Colchester Code of Ordinances, or other applicable regulations intended to preserve the aesthetics or scenic beauty of the area?

- (c) Is the project out of character with its surroundings or does it significantly diminish the scenic qualities of the area?

8. Efficiency of allocation and distribution of street and public facility installation, construction and maintenance.
9. Will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of the local government to provide municipal or governmental services and facilities.
10. Will not adversely affect the character of the area.
11. Conformance with the Town Municipal Plan. Proposed site plans shall conform to the Town Municipal Plan and all bylaws of the Town including the Town Zoning Regulations and Town Official Map.
12. Landscaping and Screening Requirements. See Section 10.04 Landscaping, Screening, and Street Trees.
13. Off Street Parking, Loading, and Circulation Requirements. See Section 10.01 and Section 2.19.
14. Exterior Lighting. See Section 10.02 and Section 2.19.
15. Compliance with Article 10.

8.08 Integration of Procedures

A. General. There may be applications where the particular circumstances of a proposed development require compliance with other procedures in these regulations, such as conditional use permit review. In such cases, the DRB shall integrate site plan review as required by this article with the other procedural and/or submission requirements per 24 V.S.A. Section 4462. Such integration of procedures may require, upon mutual written consent of the DRB and the applicant, reasonable modification of the time schedules otherwise stated in this article or in said related regulations or requirements.

8.09 Administrative Review

A. Authority. The Department of Planning and Zoning is hereby authorized to conduct administrative review and approval of site plan applications for permitted uses, as provided below.

B. Determination of Eligibility. All determinations of eligibility for administrative review are subject to the discretion of the Director of Planning and Zoning. The **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** shall not approve administrative amendments to conditional uses or variances. The **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** may review, approve, approve with conditions, or deny administrative amendments to site plans involving a permitted use, and site plans of duly approved subdivisions, if the proposed amendment meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Relocation of site improvements and/or accessory structures that have been previously approved provided that such relocations do not alter the approved coverage for the site.
2. Re-approval of plans if a permit issued by the DRB has expired within the preceding six months and no changes or alterations of any kind are proposed, including those outlined in (4) below. The **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** shall only re-approve such plans once.
3. Approval of plans showing as-built adjustments beyond standard field adjustments, provided that such adjustments do not require the amendment of any condition of approval in the most recent findings of fact.
4. Minor alterations to an approved landscaping plan such as substitution of appropriate similar species or landscaping or hardscaping materials, provided that the total value of landscaping proposed in the amended plan is equal to or exceeds the amount approved by the DRB.
5. An increase in building area and/or impervious coverage totaling less than five thousand (5,000) square feet or three percent (3%) of the overall site coverage, whichever is smaller. Applicants are advised that the cumulative total increase in building area and/or site coverage cumulatively permitted through all administrative amendments on any one lot shall not exceed five thousand (5,000) square feet or three percent (3%) of the overall site coverage, whichever is smaller. DRB approval shall be required for any amendment exceeding these limits.
6. All coverage and other limitations pursuant to these regulations shall apply in determining whether an administrative amendment shall be approved.
7. Changes in use of all or part of a building or structure with prior site plan approval to a permitted use in the applicable zoning district provided the proposed use, whether solely or in combination with other uses subject to the same approval, will not result in any permitting requirement or threshold being exceeded or violated.
8. The **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** may request permission from the DRB at a regular meeting to review a site plan application that does not meet the aforementioned criteria as an administrative review.

C. Reporting of Decisions. All administrative approvals shall be reported by the Development Review Coordinator to the DRB at its next meeting following the date of the approval, and all such decisions of the Development Review Coordinator shall state that the decision may be appealed in accordance with 24 V.S.A Section 4471. The DRB reserves the right to review and issue supplementary Findings of Fact and Order within 15 days following the date of approval by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator**. An interested person may request the Board review the application within 15 days following the date of approval by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator**. The decision granted by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** shall be sent to all abutters and interested persons. If no interested person or majority of the DRB objects within 15 days following the date of approval by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator**, the application shall be deemed approved.

8.10 Conditional Use Review: General Provisions and Standards

A. Municipal Plan. These regulations hereby implement the relevant provisions of the Town of Colchester adopted Municipal Plan and are in accord with the policies set forth therein.

B. Definition of Conditional Use. A conditional use shall be defined as a use permitted in a particular zoning district upon showing that such use in a specified location will comply with all the general and specific standards for the location or operation of the use as specified in these regulations and as authorized by the DRB. Uses requiring a conditional use permit are listed in Table A-1, Table of Uses. In granting approval for a conditional use, the DRB may attach such additional, reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of these regulations.

C. Uses and Actions Subject to Conditional Use Review. Conditional use permit approval shall be required prior to issuance of a building permit in all districts where such uses are listed as conditional uses in the District Regulations. Any alteration, extension or other change to an existing conditional use shall require review under the requirements of this section.

D. Review and Approval Procedure. Per 24 V.S.A Section 4414(3) a use designated as a conditional use in any district may be permitted by the DRB, after public notice and public hearing pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4464, according to the following procedures:

1. Any conditional use is subject to site plan review and shall be reviewed under the requirements of Article 8, Site Plan and Conditional Use Review or if a PUD or within a PUD the use shall additionally be subject to the requirements of Article 9, Planned Unit Development.
2. The DRB may require submission of plans, data, or other information in addition to the requirements of Article 8, as it deems necessary.
3. The DRB shall act to approve or disapprove a requested conditional use within the time required in 24 V.S.A. Section 4464, and failure to so act shall be deemed approval.
4. In approving a conditional use, the DRB may attach additional requirements as it may deem necessary to implement the provisions of the Colchester Municipal Plan and these regulations.

E. General Review Standards. The DRB shall review the proposed conditional use for compliance with all applicable standards as contained in these regulations including specifically Articles Two and Article 10 and Appendix G. The proposed conditional use shall meet the following standards:

1. The proposed use, in its location and operation, shall be consistent with the planned character of the area as defined by the Town of Colchester Municipal Plan.

2. The proposed use shall conform to the stated purpose of the district in which the proposed use is to be located.
 3. The DRB shall take into consideration minimum lot size; size, design, and location of structures and service areas; and distance from adjacent or nearby uses.
 3. The proposed use shall not result in adverse effect on any of the following:
 - (a) The capacity of existing or planned community facilities;
 - (b) The character of the area affected as defined by the purpose or purposes of the zoning district within which the project is located and specifically stated policies and standards of the Municipal Plan;
 - (c) Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity;
 - (d) Bylaws and ordinances in effect; or
 - (e) Utilization of renewable energy resources.
- F. Expiration of Conditional Use Permits. A conditional use permit shall expire if: 1) work authorized under the DRB approval is not commenced and diligently pursued within twelve (12) months of receiving DRB approval, or 2) the conditional use shall cease for more than six (6) months for any reason, unless an umbrella approval has been granted.

ARTICLE 9: PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

9.01 Planned Unit Development

A. Purpose. In accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A., Sec. 4417 Planned Unit Developments are designated by these Regulations to enable and encourage flexibility of design and development of land as a single entity for a variety of uses; the plan of which does not correspond to minimum dimensional requirements of the zoning district being considered. Development shall be designed in such a manner as to promote the most appropriate use of land, to preserve and maintain agricultural and forestry lands, to facilitate the adequate and economical provisions of streets and utilities, to encourage efficient construction, and to preserve the natural and scenic qualities of the open lands of the Town.

B. Review and Approvals. All Planned Unit Development proposals shall be reviewed and evaluated as major subdivisions under the Colchester Subdivision Regulations. In addition, any dimensional modifications of the applicable Zoning Regulations under consideration as Planned Unit Developments shall be evaluated in accordance with the following general and specific standards herein.

C. General Standards.

1. A Planned Unit Development (PUD) may include commercial and industrial uses, or residential and commercial uses, but shall not combine residential and non-compatible uses such as industrial uses. A Planned Unit Development may include a Planned Residential Development component.
2. A Planned Residential Development is a PUD exclusively for residential development.
3. Minimum total area of development shall be five (5) acres. However, this may be reduced to an absolute minimum of 3.0 acres for existing undeveloped parcels provided the developers can show that development will be in accordance with the requirements for a Planned Unit Development and shall be subject to all the requirements thereof.
4. The density or intensity of use shall not exceed that which could be permitted in the DRB's judgment if the land were subdivided into lots in conformance with the applicable zoning district in which the property is located. Additional residential units achieved through density bonuses and transfer of development rights shall be exempt from this provision.
5. The proposal shall be an effective and unified treatment of the development possibilities on the project site, and the proposed development plan shall make appropriate provision for the preservation of streams and stream banks, steep slopes, wet areas, soils unsuitable for development, forested areas, agricultural land, and unique, natural and man made features.
6. The proposal shall be consistent with the Town Municipal Plan and all applicable Bylaws, Regulations, and Ordinances.

7. The proposal shall be consistent with all evaluation standards set forth in the existing Colchester Subdivision Regulations.
8. The proposal shall provide for the preservation of open space and/or agricultural, forestry, natural resource, or habitat lands.
9. Buffer strip - The DRB shall require provision of a buffer zone, up to fifty feet in depth, at the perimeter of the Planned Unit Development. The buffer zone must be kept free of buildings and structures and must be landscaped, screened, or protected by natural features so that adverse effects on surrounding areas are minimized.
10. A plan shall be submitted to the Development Review Board (DRB) with a preliminary subdivision plat application showing the location, height and space of buildings, open spaces and their landscaping, streets, driveways and off-street parking spaces and all other physical features accompanied by a statement setting forth the nature of all proposed modifications of the area and dimensional requirements of the applicable Zoning Regulations.

D. Specific Standards.

1. In a PUD the Development Review Board may, at its discretion, waive setback requirements in accordance with the provisions below:
 - a. Interior front yard setbacks may be waived if the DRB determines that such waivers will improve pedestrian circulation.
 - b. In the GD1, GD3 and GD4 Districts the DRB may waive the setback requirements of Section 2.05 and the Dimensional Standards listed in Table A-2 provided the DRB determines that such waivers will improve pedestrian circulation and all other provisions or requirements of the individual district are satisfied.
 - c. The DRB may waive part or the entire required buffer strip if it determines that the resulting project design will be compatible with the neighboring structures and uses.
 - d. The DRB may waive part or the entire required setbacks specified in Table A-2 if the Board finds the project is consistent with the Town Municipal Plan and Chapter Seven and Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances.
2. Lot size and dimensional requirements:
 - a. Within any PUD not serviced by municipal sewer no lot shall be smaller than 10,000 sq. ft.
 - b. With a PUD serviced by municipal sewer, the DRB may waive the minimum lot sizes specified above if the project is consistent with the Town Municipal Plan and Chapters Seven and Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances.
3. Open Space. Open space or common land shall be set aside and made a part of any PUD subject to the below listed specific requirements:
 - a. The DRB may require that up to 25% of the gross area proposed for development shall be set aside for open space.
 - b. Open space land may, at the discretion of the DRB, be utilized fully or partially as active or passive recreational areas. In GD2, GD3, and

GD4 Districts structured recreational areas such as parks are encouraged. In all other districts, the majority of the open space should be open and devoid of significant structural improvements.

- c. The open space must be an integral part of the design of the whole development and not simply a tract of land included in the plan to meet density requirements. The open space should have general flowing patterns so they are connected one with another. Open space shall be contiguous on the property and with open space on adjacent properties wherever feasible.
- d. Plans for development of recreational areas must be presented simultaneously with the presentation of all plans for development.
- e. Development of the open space will either be completed prior to the conveyance of lots, units, or dwelling units or an escrow or performance bond shall be posted with the Town to insure completion of the development of the open space within a period of time stipulated by the DRB.
- f. Open space or common land shall be protected by appropriate legal devices to insure the continued use, or maintenance of such lands for the purpose of agriculture, forestry, recreation, or conservation. Such mechanisms may include but shall not be limited to: dedication of development rights, conservation easements, homeowner's associations, and restrictive covenants or other appropriate grants or restrictions approved by the Board after consultation with the Town Attorney. Further subdivision of residual land shall be prohibited.
- g. Open space for purposes of protecting natural or archaeological resources or for agricultural or forestry purposes shall be given preference over open space preserved for purposes of recreational or other uses.

4. Varied types of dwellings (single, duplex, and multifamily) attached and detached are encouraged within a PUD. Varied yet complementary types of architectural style, construction, lot sizes, building material, and exterior colors are strongly encouraged. Identical replication of structures, textures and color is strongly discouraged.

5. Congregate Housing Density Bonuses. The DRB may grant density bonuses for PUDs which provide "Congregate Housing", as defined herein. Within these limits maximum density will be determined by the DRB after review of a density plan prepared by the applicant in accordance with other sections of this article. The density plan shall be based on single family units not duplexes. To qualify for the density bonus a development must meet the following criteria:

- a. The development must constitute "Congregate Housing", as defined in Article 12 of this Zoning Regulation. This definition includes the requirement that at least 80 percent of all occupied units in such a project must be occupied by persons aged 55 or older (the 80% requirement applies to occupants, not owners): and no person under 19 years of age shall reside in any unit for more than ninety (90) days in any calendar year, except that in the event of a person(s) under 19 years

of age who is (are) disabled and is (are) dependent upon the qualified occupant (at least 55 years old), said dependent person shall be permitted to reside in the unit on a permanent basis.

- b. Executed declaration of covenants and restrictions insuring compliance with the definitional requirements of “Congregate Housing” as set forth herein and referencing the requirements of an executed “Congregate Housing Compliance Agreement” as set forth herein under Section 9.01D(5)(c) shall be provided to the DRB for review, approval and execution prior to Final Plat Approval. Language shall be included in all covenants prohibiting changes to said document without prior written approval from the DRB.
- c. The developer shall submit an executed “Congregate Housing Compliance Agreement” to the DRB insuring the provision for and continued maintenance of significant facilities and services as outlined herein.
 - (1) Significant facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons may include, but are not limited to:
 - Social and recreational programs designed for persons over the age of 55 years;
 - Educational programs designed to serve the interests of persons over the age of 55 years;
 - Property maintenance and referral services;
 - Information and counseling about services for persons over the age of 55 years;
 - Emergency and preventative health care services;
 - Accommodations for public and private transportation services within the community and to social services, shops and so forth;
 - Dining facilities for persons over the age of 55 years and other services designed to encourage residents to use the services available to them.
 - (2) In addition to meeting the 80 percent requirement in Section (a) above, and providing significant facilities and services in conjunction with congregate housing, the developer, its assigns and successors, and eventually the development, must publish and adhere to policies and procedures that demonstrate an intent to provide housing for people aged 55 and older. Examples of such documents include, but are not limited to:
 - Description of development in media and other communications;
 - Marketing materials and other sales representations;
 - Age-verification procedures;
 - Covenants or lease provisions;
 - Written rules and regulations;

- Actual practices in enforcing the relevant lease provisions or rules and regulations.
- (3) All documents supporting these criteria shall be submitted to the DRB for review and approval prior to Final Plat approval. The “Congregate Housing Compliance Agreement” shall be referenced in the executed declaration of covenants and restrictions required herein under Section 9.01D (5) (b).
- d. Minimum acreage, open space and other PUD requirements are met.
 - e. A maximum of two (2) bedrooms per unit.
 - f. Detached Congregate Housing PUD Density Bonuses. The DRB may consider and approve detached single family/duplex congregate housing with density up to twice that otherwise allowed in R-1, R-2, R-3, GD-1, GD-2, GD-3, and GD-4 Districts as a permitted use subject to PUD standards and review. Maximum density will be determined by the DRB after review of a density plan prepared by the applicant in accordance with other sections of this article. The density plan shall be based on single family units not duplex or multi-family units. Within these limits, maximum density will be determined by the DRB after review of a density plan prepared by the applicant in accordance with other sections of this article. The density plan shall be based on single family units not duplexes.
 - g. Multi-Family Housing for the Elderly as a PUD Density Bonuses. The Development Review Board may consider and approve multi-family housing for the elderly with density greater than three and up to four times that otherwise allowed in GD-1, GD-2, GD-3, or GD-4 Districts as a permitted use subject to PUD standards and review; where, in addition to the above criteria noted in Section 9.01D(5)(a-e), the project is served by municipal sewer, municipal water and by public transportation or other equivalent transportation alternatives to be approved by Staff. Maximum density will be determined by the DRB after review of a density plan prepared by the applicant in accordance with other sections of this article. The density plan shall be based on single family units not duplex or multi-family units.

ARTICLE 10: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- 10.01 Off Street Parking, Loading, & Circulation
- 10.02 Outdoor Illumination
- 10.03 Outside Storage & Display
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10.01 Off Street Parking, Loading, and Circulation

A. Purpose. In order to minimize traffic congestion, air pollution, and the risk of motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents, as well as to promote other elements of sound community planning, parking, loading spaces, circulation, and access shall be required of all structures and land uses. Parking spaces, aisles, and circulation shall be provided and kept available as an accessory use to all permitted and conditional uses of structures, lots, and land in amounts not less than those specified in Section O. The requirements of this section shall apply under the following circumstances:

1. All new structures erected for use on a property.
2. Any structure which is hereafter altered or enlarged.
3. All new uses of a property.
4. Any use of a property which is hereafter altered or enlarged.

B. Location of Off Street Parking, Loading, and Vehicle Entrances.

1. Except as provided in Section F, off street parking and loading that is required for a use or uses under this section shall be located entirely on the property on which the use or uses exist. The Development Review Board may approve required off street parking that is located off the property on which a use or uses exist, according to Section E.
2. The location, aisle widths, and layout of interior drives shall provide for efficient interior circulation and the safety of pedestrians and vehicles.
3. The location of parking areas and loading docks shall prevent conflicts with entering and exiting traffic onto a public street and prevent conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians. The distance between

access points and parking areas shall be adequate to minimize blockage and to prevent back-ups onto the public street.

4. All loading and unloading shall be provided off-street. To this end, no commercial or industrial use overhead doors, loading or unloading shall be permitted on the front side of properties except as provided herein. All loading and unloading should occur within the rear or side yard. Within the Industrial and Business Districts, overhead doors may be permitted on the front of buildings provided that the following are provided:
 - (a) the location of the overhead doors is not out of character with the neighborhood
 - (b) adequate parking and circulation can be provided
 - (c) the unloading and loading area is adequately screened from the street and adjacent properties.
 - (d) Overhead doors on the front of buildings shall not be allowed along arterial or collector roads.
5. The location of parking areas shall not detract from the design of proposed buildings and structures or from the appearance of the existing neighboring buildings, structures and landscape.
6. Pedestrian Safety. Insofar as practical, pedestrian and bicycle circulation shall be separated from motor vehicle circulation. Safe and convenient pedestrian circulation, including appropriate sidewalks, shall be provided on the site and its approaches. The pedestrian circulation plan shall be designed to minimize conflicts with vehicular traffic.
7. Vehicle Entrance. Clearly marked ingress and egress for vehicles to the site shall be provided. No curb cuts or vehicle entrance from any public street shall be constructed or maintained except in conformance with all applicable standards of the Colchester Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 and Vermont Agency of Transportation. Curb cuts shall generally be limited to one per property or project.

C. Layout Requirements for Parking Spaces, Aisles, and Circulation. All parking spaces and maneuvering lanes shall be surfaced with asphalt or concrete paving and shall be striped to delineate parking spaces and lanes as per Appendix B. If weather conditions preclude paving or striping, a temporary occupancy permit may be issued for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The layout of parking spaces and aisles shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Internal Landscaping of Parking Areas.

Except for parking spaces accessory to a one-family or two-family dwelling, all off-street parking areas subject to review by the Development Review Board, shall be landscaped with appropriate trees, shrubs, and other plants including ground covers, as approved by the Development Review Board. The Development Review Board shall consider the adequacy of the proposed landscaping to assure the establishment of a

safe, convenient, and attractive parking area and the privacy and comfort of abutting properties.

(a) In all off-street parking areas containing twenty or more parking spaces, at least ten percent of the interior of the parking area shall be landscaped with trees, shrubs, and other plants. At least one (1) major deciduous shade tree, whose caliper is equal to or greater than three (3) inches, shall be provided within each parking area for every three thousand (3,000) square feet of paved area or every ten (10) parking spaces, whichever is greater. The trees shall be spaced evenly throughout the lot interior to provide shade and reduce glare. Overall, there shall be a mix of large canopy tree species.

(b) Planting islands

1. Planting islands shall be provided. Such islands and the landscaping within them shall be designed and arranged in such a way as to define major circulation aisles, entrances, and exits, to channel internal traffic flow, to prevent indiscriminate diagonal movement of vehicles, and to provide relief from the visual monotony and shade-less expanse of a large parking area. All islands shall be landscaped with trees, shrubs, grasses, and/or ground covers. Plant materials judged to be inappropriate by the Development Review Board will not be approved.
2. Islands should be constructed that promote stormwater treatment or a stormwater management plan. Curbs of such islands shall be constructed of concrete, stone, or bituminous material and shall be designed to facilitate surface drainage and prevent vehicles from overlapping sidewalks and damaging the plants. At the Development Review Board's discretion, curb-less parking areas and planting islands may be allowed where these specifically provide for stormwater run-off into vegetated areas for treatment.
3. Maintenance and responsibility. All planting shown on an approved site plan shall be maintained by the property owner in a vigorous growing condition throughout the duration of the use. Plants not so maintained shall be replaced with new plants at the beginning of the next immediately following growing season.
4. Snow storage areas must be specified and located in an area that minimizes the potential for erosion and contaminated runoff into any adjacent or nearby surface waters.

(c) Screening shall be provided where headlights from vehicles on site may be visible and project parallel to a public street.

2. Parking areas shall provide convenient access to building entrances and shall minimize conflict between pedestrian and vehicle circulation.

3. The storage of merchandise, motor vehicles for sale, unregistered motor vehicles, commercial trucks, or the repair of vehicles within designated parking spaces is hereby prohibited.

4. The placement of parking within front yards is discouraged. Except for parking spaces accessory to a one-family or two-family dwelling, no parking shall be permitted within the front yard setback. All parking within the front yard should be screened from the road. At no point should the majority of parking spaces on the site be located within the front yard. Within the GD1 District, existing parking areas within the front yard may remain if the following conditions are met:

(a) Parking areas shall not be located within 15 feet of the edge of the right-of-way.

(b) Suitable landscaping of the parking area shall be provided as herein required in these regulations.

(c) The extent of existing development is greater than the amount of the lot that is being redeveloped.

5. Connections between adjacent lots are encouraged where feasible to minimize street traffic for short trips. The Development Review Board should require an applicant to construct a connection to an adjacent lot and / or provide an easement for a future connection.

6. Parking spaces, aisles, and circulation and other associated driveways shall be setback five feet from the property boundaries unless a shared drive or shared parking is proposed.

D. Determination of Parking and Loading Spaces.

1. All structures and land uses shall be provided with a sufficient amount of off-street parking to meet the needs of persons employed at or making use of such structures or land uses, and sufficient off-street loading facilities to meet the needs of such structures or land uses, but not less than the minimum standards of Section O.

2. No certificate of occupancy or certificate of compliance shall be issued for any structure or land use until the required off-street parking and/or loading spaces have been established. Required off-street parking and/or loading facilities shall be maintained as long as the use of structure exists which the facilities are designed to serve.

3. The following methods shall be used to determine the number of required off-street parking and loading spaces:

(a) The requirement for a single use shall be determined directly from the schedule of such requirements in Section O.

(b) The requirement for a combination use made up of several component uses (e.g., a restaurant and bar; or a retail store combined with an office building or a storage area) shall be determined by establishing the requirement for each component

use from the schedule in Section O of such requirements and adding them together.

(c) When the required number of spaces is determined to result in a fraction, it shall be increased to the next highest whole number.

(d) If the use is not specifically listed in the schedule of such requirements, the requirements shall be the same as for the most similar use listed, as determined by the **Administrative Officer** ~~Development Review Coordinator~~.

(e) When the schedule requires the number of spaces to be calculated per employee and employees are on the site in shifts, the number to be used is the number of employees present during the largest shift. In all other cases it shall mean the total number of employees on the site or who will use the site for parking at any one time.

(f) A garage or a carport may be used to meet the requirements of this section. A driveway may only be used to meet the requirements of this section where it serves a one-family or two-family dwelling provided that the parking is not stacked.

(g) Uses which require Development Review Board approval pursuant to Article 8 may be required to provide off-street parking spaces in excess of the requirements of this section Table 10-2.

4. The number of parking spaces on a property shall not exceed 110% of the required number of parking spaces.

5. Properties with a required number of parking spaces exceeding 250 spaces shall be classified large scale parking facilities. New construction or any change to existing uses that requires additional parking on site will require the applicant employ parking mitigation to reduce the number of surface parking spaces. Qualifying parking mitigation shall include but not be limited to: structured parking, parking shuttles, employee carpool plans, incentives for employees to use alternative transportation such as bicycles, a mass transportation plan for employees such as purchasing bus or train passes for employees, telecommuting plans for employees, shared parking, and other similar plans. The Development Review Board shall have the discretion to require parking mitigation for large scale facilities as appropriate taking into consideration stormwater, surface water impairment, the character of the neighborhood, traffic, pedestrian safety, landscaping, and circulation.

E. Shared Parking on Two or More Lots.

1. Required parking and loading spaces shall normally be provided upon the same lot as the use or structure to which they are accessory. However, shared parking may be allowed where a parking area or parking space is used jointly for more than one use.

2. Off-street parking spaces required for structures or land uses on two or more adjacent lots may be provided in a single common facility on one or

more of said lots provided that the Development Review Board approves a plan meeting the regulations of this sub-section.

3. As a matter of public policy, the Town of Colchester finds that the coordination of off-street parking areas between adjoining nonresidential sites is desirable to allow for traffic circulation between sites rather than having all traffic entering and exiting the existing road system to proceed from site to site. This coordination can take various forms, from a simple paved connection to a more elaborate plan to provide both a connection and shared parking arrangements. Such connection and shared parking are not to be considered a parking waiver, but an agreement between the landowners and the Town of Colchester to effect an overall circulation and parking plan and provide the required number of parking spaces in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section O for the respective use(s). For these reasons, in its review of a site plan, the Development Review Board may, at its discretion, allow for parking spaces to be provided both on and off site, provided that:

(a) The applicant(s) provides an acceptable overall design and an accurate site plan for all properties affected by the shared parking proposal. Such design and plan shall be approved by the Development Review Board. The owner or owners of the property where the off-site parking will be provided are co-applicants to the site plan application.

(b) The lots shall be adjacent. However at its discretion, the Development Review Board may consider a shared parking plan where the parking serves a Planned Unit Development, college, or hospital use.

(c) The applicant shall record appropriate legal documents to ensure that the off-site parking spaces shall be available for use by the user or users for which the off-site parking spaces are being sought. Such legal documents shall be acceptable to the Town Attorney in form and content. The Town of Colchester shall be a party to the legal document.

(d) Such legal documents shall assure the continued existence of the parking lot or facility to serve said structures or land uses as long as they may exist. Such agreement shall also guarantee that upon termination of such joint use, each subsequent use of the premises will provide off-street parking for its own use in accordance with the requirements of this section and Section O.

(e) The required number of parking spaces is to be provided and spaces that are paved must be striped and must be shown on an approved plan. The number of required parking spaces may be reduced provided that a reserved parking plan is approved as per Section H.

(f) In no event shall parking and loading spaces for a non-residential use be located in any residential district.

F. Shared Parking on a Single Lot. Where the Development Review Board determines that a proposed development consisting of two or more uses located on a single parcel will generate different hourly, daily and/or seasonal parking demand due to the varied hours of operation of each use and frequencies of customer and employee occupancy of available parking spaces, the Development Review Board may approve a site plan utilizing shared parking. The applicant shall provide the parking space count and justification analysis. Approved shared parking requires the present construction of a lesser number of spaces, provided that:

1. The applicant shall provide the Development Review Board with a shared parking plan which shall be based upon the following:
 - (a) A complete and accurate description of the proposed uses, floor areas devoted to such uses, the number of seats or rooms assigned to each use, and the days and hours of operation of each use for each day of the week and for any seasonal variations in operations.
 - (b) A complete and accurate description of the number of employees and their respective shifts.
 - (c) A complete and accurate description of the projected total peak hour or daily period of occupancy by patrons for each proposed use during weekdays, Saturday, Sunday and any seasonal variations in peak hour or period of occupancy.
2. In all cases, at least two-thirds (2/3s) of the number of required parking spaces shall be provided. A reserved parking plan shall be required. The Zoning Administrator may order the property owner to construct the reserved parking spaces if need arises as per Section H.
3. The approval of such shared parking shall be automatically terminated upon the termination of the operation of any of the involved uses.

H. Reserved Parking. In the event that an applicant can demonstrate to the Development Review Board that its present parking needs do not necessitate the construction of the number of parking spaces required herein, the Development Review Board may approve a site plan requiring the present construction of a lesser number of spaces. In such an event, the site plan shall show sufficient spaces reserved for future parking requirements with the combined number of spaces being not less than that required by Appendix B, Figure VII. In all cases, at least two-thirds (2/3s) of the number of required parking spaces shall be provided. The remaining reserved space shall remain unpaved or kept pervious until such time as it is needed, unless the reserved area is used for internal circulation. The reserved area shall be shown on any site plan. The Zoning Administrator may order the property owner to install the reserved parking spaces if the need for additional spaces arises. For example, a change in the use(s) or the ownership of the parcel may be enough to require the installation of the parking spaces. In the event that the owner fails to install the additional parking spaces within one hundred twenty (120) days of being so ordered, the Administrative Officer shall revoke the certificate of occupancy for the premises, and the Town Attorney may take appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction to restrain the use of

said premises. When this subsection is utilized, the site plan shall contain a statement, signed by the applicant in such a form as shall be approved by the Town Attorney, consenting to the provisions contained herein. In addition, the property owner shall be required to submit a covenant, for filing in the Town Clerk's office, in such a form as shall be approved by the Town Attorney indicating consent to the provisions of this subsection.

I. Handicapped – Accessible Parking Spaces. Parking spaces for handicapped persons shall be provided for all non-residential uses. The size, number, and location of spaces shall comply with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines. Handicap accessible spaces are required to be eight feet (8'0") wide, with an adjacent access aisle five feet (5'0") wide. One in every eight (8) accessible spaces must have an access aisle eight feet (8'0") wide and must be signed "van accessible". The number of accessible spaces required is shown in Table 10-1 below. Handicapped parking spaces and aisles shall be level with surface slopes not exceeding 1:50 (2%) in all directions.

Table 10-1 Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces Required

Total parking spaces in lot	Number of accessible spaces in lot
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1,000	2% of total number
1,001 and over	20, plus 1 for every 100 over 1,000

J. Recreational Vehicles. Parking or storage facilities for recreational vehicles shall be provided in all multi-family residential developments of eighteen (18) units or more. Recreational vehicles shall not be stored on any common open lands other than those specifically approved for such purpose by the DRB through the review process. The Development Review Board may waive this provision only upon demonstration by the applicant that the storage and parking of recreational vehicles shall be prohibited within all private and common areas of

the development. Commercial properties shall only park recreational or utility vehicles in approved display or storage areas. On a residential property, no person shall park, store, or use a recreational vehicle, or utility vehicle, or similar vehicular equipment unless the following requirements are met:

1. Such vehicular equipment shall be stored in rear or side yard. Minimum five (5) foot side yard setback.
2. Such vehicular equipment is stored or parked on private property no closer than eighteen inches to any proposed or existing public sidewalk and so as not to project into the public right-of-way;
3. On corner lots, any such vehicular is not parked in the triangular area formed by the three points established by the intersection of property lines at the corner and the points thirty feet back from this intersection along each property line;
4. No recreational or utility vehicle is used for the conduct of business or for living or housekeeping purposes except when located in an approved mobile home park or in a campground providing adequate sanitary facilities.
5. Any recreational or utility vehicle parked or stored out-of-doors is adequately blocked or tied down or otherwise secured so that such vehicle does not roll off the lot and is not moved about by high winds; and
6. No vehicular equipment regulated by this section is stored out-of-doors on a residential lot unless it is in condition for safe and effective performance of the functions for which it is intended.
7. Office trailers, office/storage trailers and semi-van trailers may be allowed as temporary facilities for construction projects when approved with a building permit from the Zoning Administrator. No other uses of trailers shall be allowed except as a special emergency facility when approved by the Development Review Board as a conditional use.

K. Bicycle Parking or Storage Facility. A bicycle parking or storage facility shall be provided for properties with twenty (20) or greater parking spaces. One bicycle parking space should be provided for each twenty (20) car spaces required by these regulations.

L. Structured Parking. Structured parking may be required by the Development Review Board in conjunction with approval of a site plan or PUD. Structured parking shall be defined as any structure consisting of more than one level and used to store motor vehicles. The parking structure may be stand-alone or may be part of or attached to another structure. Such structures typically comprise parking decks, garages, or roof-top parking areas. The Development Review Board may require design elements for parking structures that specifically address safety, security, lighting, landscaping, and visual aesthetics as conditions for approval.

M. Commercial Vehicles on Residential Properties. Parking of one (1) commercial vehicle per property shall be permitted subject to the following limitations:

1. The parking or storage of any garbage truck, tractor and/or trailer of a tractor-trailer truck, dump truck, construction equipment, cement-mixer truck, or moving/hauling van is prohibited on any residential property.
2. Any commercial vehicle parked in a residential district shall be owned and/or operated only by an occupant of the property at which it is parked.
3. The commercial vehicle must be parked off-street in a garage, carport or driveway. The commercial vehicle shall not be located in the front yard.
4. The length of the commercial vehicle shall be less than 22' and its height shall be less than 7'.

N. Exemptions, Waivers, and Modifications of Requirements.

1. Exemptions. Existing buildings and uses are exempt as follows:
 - (a) Structures and land uses lawfully in existence or in use or for which zoning permits have been approved by December 21, 2004 shall not be subject to the parking or loading space requirements set forth in this section and in Section O.
 - (b) However, no structure or lot lawfully in use prior to December 21, 2004 shall be enlarged unless the off-street parking and truck loading space requirements of this section are complied with to the same extent as would be required if the entire pre-existing structure or use and the proposed enlargement were being submitted as if they were a new application. The Development Review Board shall require additional off-street parking and truck loading spaces with respect to the proposed enlargement, but at its discretion may not require additional spaces with respect to the preexisting part of the structure or use.
2. Waivers. Where the Development Review Board determines that a proposed land use or structure is adequately served by existing or proposed public parking facilities, the Development Review Board may waive the off-street parking space requirements stipulated in Section O, by no more than thirty-three percent (33%) provided that a reserved parking plan is approved as per Section H.
3. Modifications of Requirements. Where the Development Review Board determines that unique usage or special conditions exist, it may require off-street parking spaces and loading areas greater than the requirements of this section and Section O. The Development Review Board may reduce the requirements of Section O for the number of off-street parking spaces and loading areas for non-residential uses and structures if it determines that overlapping use of parking spaces or other unique characteristic cause the requirement to be unnecessarily stringent provided a reserved parking plan is provided as per Section H.

O. Parking Requirements.

Notes applicable to Table 10-2:

1. Any spaces required as part of the operational function, such as display, storage or queuing spaces at the transfer station or service station, are in addition.
2. Parking need varies according to type of facility and will be determined during site plan approval.
3. Definitions applicable to Tables 10-2: “Employee” means the number of employees working at the specific location on the main shift plus any overlap from prior or later shifts.

Table 10-2: Parking Requirements

Use	Parking Space Requirement	Notes
Single-Family Dwelling	2 spaces per dwelling	
Two-Family Dwelling	2 spaces per dwelling plus 1 space for every four units	
Multi-Family Dwelling	2 spaces per dwelling plus 1 space for every four units	
Accessory Apartment	1 space per dwelling	
Community Care Home & Halfway House	1 space per sleeping room plus 2 spaces	
Congregate Housing	1.2 spaces per dwelling plus 1 space for every 4 units	
Boarding House and Bed & Breakfast	1.5 per guest bedroom plus 2 spaces	
Hotel & Motel	1 space per room plus .33 spaces per max occupancy in meeting & banquet rooms	
Extended Stay Hotel	1 per room plus 1 per employee	
Campground	N/A	2
Home Occupation	1 space per employee plus 1	
Home Business	1 space per employee plus two	

Convenience Store	4 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Shopping Center	5 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA if GFA is 400,000 SF or less; 5.5 per 1,000 SF GFA if more than 400,000 SF	
General Merchandise w/o Drive-up	4 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
General Merchandise w/ Drive-up	5.8 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	1
Retail Food Establishment < 5,000 SF GFA	6.7spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Retail Food Establishment > 5,000 SF GFA	6 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Wholesale Establishments	.5 per 1,000 SF GFA plus any requirements for office area	
Equipment Sales and / or Repair	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Commercial Greenhouse	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Mobile Home & Marine Sales	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Auto & Auto Acc. Sales	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Rental	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	1
Office, General	3.5 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Office, Research	3 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Office, Medical	5 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Radio & TV Studio	2 spaces per employee	
Financial Institution & Bank w/o Drive-up	3.6 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Bank w/ Drive-up	5.8 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	1

Personal or Business Service	2 spaces per treatment station or 4 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA whichever is greater	
Artist Production Studio	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Funeral Home	1 space per 40 SF of assembly room	
Crematorium	2 spaces per treatment station or 4 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA whichever is greater	
Drycleaner	4 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Animal Services	1 space per employee plus .5 per 1,000 SF GFA	
Auto Service & Body Work	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Car Wash	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA with a minimum of 2	1
Gas Sales	5 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	1
Printing & Binding Facility	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Photocopy & Printing Shop	2 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA plus 5 per 1,000 SF GFA of retail area	
Manufacturing & Processing	.5 space per 1,000 SF GFA plus 1 space per employee	
Lumber & Contractor's Yard	1 space per employee plus .5 per 1,000 SF GFA	
Salvage Yard	2 spaces plus 1 per employee	1
School, Elementary & Secondary & Trade	1 space per classroom and other rooms used by students, staff, or faculty, plus .25 per student of driving age	

School, College	1 space per classroom and other rooms used by students, staff, or faculty, plus .5 per student	
Religious Use	.5 space per seat or seating capacity	
Cultural Facilities	.33 space per maximum permitted occupancy	
Social Clubs, Bars, Nightclubs, Taverns, & Adult Use	.5 space per maximum permitted occupancy	
Recreation Facility, Indoor	.33 space per maximum permitted occupancy	
Recreation Facility, Outdoor	.33 space per seat or per person in maximum occupancy	2
Drive-In Movie Theater	N/A	2
Marinas & Yacht Clubs	1 space per boat berth	
Residential Marine Association	1 space per boat berth	
Hospital	2 spaces per bed	
Nursing Care, Mental Health Facilities, & Correctional Facility	.3 space per bed	
Day Care	1 space per employee plus .1 per licensed enrollment capacity	
Restaurant, Standard	22 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Restaurant, Short-Order & Seasonal Mobile Food Unit	12 per 1,000 SF GFA	
Auto Parking Garages, Lots, & Storage	1 space per employee	1

Storage of Materials	.5 space per 1,000 SF GFA	
Ag, Sivicultural, & Mining Operations	1 space per employee	
Cemetery	1 space per employee, minimum of 2 spaces	
Waste Facilities	1 space plus 1 per employee	1
Transit Centers	1 space per employee	1
Public Garage	.5 space per 1,000 SF GFA plus 1 space per employee	1
Municipal Facility	3 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Community Center	.33 space per maximum permitted occupancy	
National Guard & Civil Defense Operations	.5 space per 1,000 SF GFA plus 1 space per employee	1
Post Office	5 spaces per 1,000 SF GFA	
Essential Service & Tower Facilities	1 space per employee, minimum of 2 spaces	

10.02 Outdoor Illumination

A. Purpose. While exterior lighting is necessary and desirable for many activities, the Town recognizes that excessive or poorly designed exterior lighting can have adverse impacts on neighboring properties, cause safety hazards on nearby streets, raise ambient light levels in the community, and generally cause environmental degradation. With this in mind, it is the intent of this section to achieve a balance between lighting needed to safely undertake the tasks being illuminated and lighting that causes adverse impacts.

B. General Requirements.

1. No outdoor lighting fixtures may be installed on commercial, industrial, multi-family or mixed use properties without first obtaining approval from the Development Review Board except as provided in Subsection Two

below. Where a development is seeking Site Plan Approval under this Ordinance, exterior lighting shall be included in the Site Plan Application. However, up to two additional fixtures may be added to an approved lighting plan upon approval by the Zoning Administrator, provided that the standards in this section are satisfied.

2. A residential unit may install lighting fixtures that do not exceed a cumulative impact of 6,000 initial lumens (the equivalent of three 150-watt incandescent bulbs) without Town approval. Lighting installations exceeding the 6,000 initial lumen level and lighting of private tennis courts, swimming pools, or other outdoor areas must first be approved by the Zoning Administrator through the building permit process. The Zoning Administrator may choose to refer an application made under this provision to the Development Review Board for approval.

3. Except where alternatives are specifically allowed, all lighting fixtures shall be at a minimum semi-cut-off fixtures (Semi-cut-off fixtures have an intensity at 80 degrees from nadir does not exceed 200 candela per 1000 lamp lumens, nor at 90 degrees from nadir does intensity exceed 50 candela per 1000 lamp lumens).

4. All lighting fixtures shall be fitted with appropriate shields to ensure that lighting is directed only to the area to be illuminated, and do not cast direct light beyond the boundaries of the property on which they are located.

5. All lighting fixtures shall be fitted with incandescent, metal halide, or fluorescent lamps. Exceptions may be made to additions to existing installations if the Development Review Board determines that bringing the entire installation into conformance would be cost prohibitive.

6. Actual or estimated illumination levels shall be measured horizontally at ground level unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

7. The use of ornamental lighting fixtures in a unified lighting design to define a sense of place is encouraged.

C. Lighting Districts. For the purpose of this Section, the Zoning Districts established in this Ordinance shall be grouped into lighting districts as follows:

1. Lighting District 1: Commercial District, (COM), Industrial District, (I) and Business District (BD).
2. Lighting District 2: Mobile Home Park District, Low Density/ Rural Residential Districts (RR - R10), and Low/Medium Density Residential Districts (R-1, R-2 & R-3)
3. Lighting District 3: General Development Districts (GD-1, GD-2, GD-3, and GD-4)
4. Lighting District 4: The Agricultural/Open Land District and Agricultural Mixed Use District.

D. Parking Lot Lighting. Parking lot lighting shall be designed to provide the minimum lighting necessary to ensure adequate vision and comfort in parking

areas, and to not cause glare or direct illumination onto adjacent properties or streets.

1. Alternatives to semi-cut-off fixtures: The lighting design for an area may suggest the use of fixtures of a particular "period" design or architectural style, either as an alternative to or a supplement for the semi-cut-off fixtures described above.

(a) If such fixtures are not semi-cut-off fixtures as defined above, the maximum initial lumens generated by each fixture shall not exceed 2,000 (equivalent to a 150 watt incandescent bulb).

(b) Mounting heights of such fixtures shall not exceed twenty (20) feet.

(c) Illumination levels must meet the requirements set forth in the table below.

2. In Lighting Districts 2 and 4, parking areas shall not be illuminated unless there is a clear hazard to be illuminated, in which case the standards noted in the table below shall apply.

3. At least 75 percent of all parking lot lighting fixtures shall be turned off no more than one hour after the close of business.

4. Parking area illumination standards for the various districts are as shown in the following table. Illumination levels are to be measured in footcandles (fc), horizontally at grade level. The average illumination level is to be computed for the area of the parking lot only.

Lighting District				
	1	2	3	4
Max. Mounting Ht.	20 ft	12 ft	15 ft	10 ft
Average Illumination Level shall not exceed*	1.2 fc	1.0 fc	1.0 fc	1.0 fc
Uniformity ratio (Max To min) shall not exceed	20:1	20:1	20:1	20:1

**The average shall be measured horizontally at grade level, computed over the area of the parking lot.*

E. Lighting of Gasoline Station/Convenience Store Aprons and Canopies:

Lighting of gasoline station/convenience store aprons and under canopies shall be adequate to facilitate the activities taking place in such locations.

1. Areas on the apron away from gasoline pump islands shall be considered to be parking areas, and illumination shall meet the standards

set forth in Section 10.02D. If there are no gasoline pumps, the entire apron shall be considered to be parking area.

2. Lighting of areas around gasoline pump islands and under canopies sheltering pump islands shall meet the following standards:

- (a) The minimum illumination level shall be not less than 2.0 footcandles and the maximum illumination level shall be not more than 10.0 footcandles.
- (b) Light fixtures mounted under a canopy shall be recessed so that the lens cover is recessed into or flush with the underside (ceiling) of the canopy, or must be shielded by the fascia of the canopy so that direct illumination cannot be directed above an angle of 85 degrees from vertical.
- (c) No light fixtures may be mounted on the top of the canopy, and the sides of the canopy (fascia) shall be opaque and shall not be illuminated.

F. Lighting of Exterior Sales/Display Areas. Illuminating levels on exterior sales/display areas shall be adequate for the activities taking place in such locations, and shall not be used to attract attention to the activity. The applicant, in conjunction with the Development Review Board, shall designate areas to be used as exterior sales/display as opposed to passive storage or parking.

- 1. Areas used for passive storage or parking shall be illuminated in accordance with Section 10.02D of these Regulations.
- 2. Areas designated for exterior display or sales shall have an average horizontal illumination level at grade level of no more than 5.0 footcandles and a maximum horizontal illumination at grade level of no more than 10 footcandles.
- 3. The average illumination level shall be computed only for the area used for vehicle storage.
- 4. Lighting fixtures may be fitted with metal halide or incandescent lamps.
- 5. Fixture mounting heights shall not exceed 15 feet above grade.
- 6. Exterior sales/display areas may be illuminated only when the establishment is open for business, except for lighting approved as security lighting in accordance with section 10.02G of these regulations.

G. Security Lighting. Any security lighting must be a part of an overall security plan which includes illumination, surveillance, and response, and which clearly delineates the area to be illuminated for security purposes. To the extent that the designated area is illuminated for other purposes, independent security lighting is discouraged.

- 1. All applications for approval of security lighting shall include a written security plan demonstrating the need for and purposes of security lighting and a site plan showing the area to be illuminated for security purposes and the location of all security lighting fixtures.
- 2. All security lighting fixtures shall be shielded and aimed so that illumination is directed only toward the designated area to be illuminated.

In no case shall illumination be directed above a horizontal plane. All fixtures shall include shields that prevent the light source or lens from being visible from adjacent properties and roadways. The use of general purpose floodlighting fixtures is prohibited.

3. Security lighting may illuminate vertical surfaces up to a level eight (8) feet above grade or eight (8) feet above the bottoms of doorways or entries, whichever is greater.

4. Security lighting fixtures may be mounted on poles located no more than ten (10) feet from the perimeter of the designated area being illuminated.

5. Security lighting designed to illuminate a perimeter (such as a fence) shall include motion sensors and be designed to be off unless triggered by an intruder located within five (5) feet of the perimeter.

6. Security lighting in the Lighting Districts 2 and 4 shall be allowed only if unusual hazardous conditions make it necessary. In such cases, indirect and reflected lighting techniques shall be used and all fixtures shall be shielded so that the light source or lens is not visible from adjacent properties or streets.

7. The average illumination level of ground level areas shall be measured horizontally at grade level, and computed over the area designated as being illuminated in the security plan.

8. The average illumination level of vertical surfaces shall be measured at a height of 5 feet above grade, and computed over the area of the surface designated to be illuminated in the security plan.

9. Security lighting shall meet the following standards:

Lighting District				
	1	2	3	4
Max. Mounting Ht.	20 ft	Discouraged	15 ft	Discouraged
Average Horizontal Illumination level at ground level*	1.5 fc	Discouraged	1.0 fc	Discouraged
Average Vertical Illumination Level At 5' above grade**	1.5 fc	Discouraged	1.0 fc	Discouraged

**The average shall be measured horizontally at grade level, computed over the area designated in the security plan as needing illumination.*

***The average shall be measured vertically at the designated height, and, computed over the area designated in the security plan as needing illumination.*

H. Walkway Lighting. In some cases walkways not illuminated by nearby street lighting may be illuminated. In such cases, the lighting shall meet the following standards:

1. The average illumination level on a walkway or pathway surface not exceed 0.5 footcandles, measured horizontally at grade level.
2. The area over which the average illumination level is computed shall include the walkway surface plus an area on each side not more than three feet in width.
3. Lighting fixtures other than full cut-off fixtures may be used but shall be designed to direct illumination downward, and light sources shall have an initial output of no more than 1,000 lumens.

I. Recreational Facility Lighting. There is a variety of outdoor recreation facilities that may be illuminated to allow nighttime use. Examples include tennis courts, ball fields, golf driving ranges, swimming pools, outdoor skating rinks, and small ski areas. The regulations in this section are intended to allow illumination of such activities while minimizing adverse impacts such as glare, unwanted illumination of nearby properties and streets, and skyglow. Such lighting shall be consistent with the following regulations:

1. A lighting plan shall be submitted, prepared by a qualified lighting professional, who documents the need for the level of illumination being provided, and which demonstrates how the desired illumination levels will be achieved while meeting the following requirements.
2. Lighting fixtures may be other than full cut-off fixture, and shall be specified, mounted and aimed so that their beams fall within the primary playing area and immediate surroundings, and so that no direct illumination is directed off of the site.
3. Light fixtures shall be shielded and/or designed so that light is not directed above a horizontal plane.
4. Light sources shall not be directly visible from nearby streets.
5. Lights on recreation facilities shall be turned off except when the facilities are in use or being maintained.

J. Lighting of Building Facades. Low level illumination of building facades behind and beneath covered walkways may be allowed in the Lighting Districts 1 and 3. In all districts, parts of buildings may be illuminated if they have cultural or religious significance (e.g. steeples, bell towers, and clock towers). Facade lighting shall meet the following requirements:

1. The maximum illumination level on any vertical surface shall not exceed 5.0 footcandles.
2. If a first floor facade is illuminated by lights mounted under a canopy sheltering a walkway, the average horizontal illumination of the walkways shall not exceed 3.0 footcandles at grade level. If there is no walkway

under the canopy, the average horizontal illumination shall not exceed 1.0 footcandles at grade level.

3. Roofs shall not be illuminated.
4. Light fixture under translucent (i.e. fabric) canopies shall be shielded so that illumination is not directed to the underside of the canopy.
5. Ground mounted fixtures or fixtures pointing upward shall not be allowed. Downward directed lighting must be used.
6. Lighting fixtures shall be shielded so that the light source and/or lens are not visible from adjacent properties or streets.

K. Outdoor Work Site Lighting. In some cases it may be appropriate to illuminate outdoor work sites to enable night time work. 10.02B & D notwithstanding, illumination of outdoor work sites may be approved by the Zoning Administrator as a part of issuance of a Zoning/Building Permit. With the exception of temporary lighting for emergency repairs (which shall not require prior approval), illumination of work sites shall meet the following requirements:

1. The lighting shall be installed to illuminate the actual work site and as little of the surrounding area as possible.
2. Lighting fixtures shall not be aimed towards adjacent or nearby streets.
3. Lighting fixtures shall be aimed and/or shielded so that light is not directed above a horizontal plane.
4. The lighting shall be turned on not more than thirty (30) minutes before work is to start, and turned off no more than thirty (30) minutes after work is completed.

L. Seasonal Holiday Lighting. Temporary seasonal holiday lighting may be displayed at residential and commercial properties, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. Seasonal holiday lighting may not be moving or otherwise animated to the point of being distracting.
2. Seasonal holiday lighting may be displayed only for a reasonable period before and after the holiday with which the lighting is associated.

M. Nighttime Illumination of Governmental Flags. The Town encourages those who fly the Flag of the United States to observe the custom prescribed in the United States Flag Code of displaying the flag from sunrise to sunset. However, if governmental flags are to be flown at night and are to be illuminated, the regulations in this Section apply.

1. Application. An applicant for nighttime illumination shall submit to the Zoning Administrator an Application for a Building Permit along with a Lighting Design Plan as described in (I) below.
2. Flag Type. Only governmental flags may be illuminated. Nongovernmental flags may not be flown on a pole with an illuminated governmental flag. No more than three (3) governmental flags may be flown on the same pole.

3. Dimensional Requirements. A governmental flag to be illuminated may not exceed sixty (60) square feet in size. Flagpoles may not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height.

4. Lighting Fixtures. A flag shall be illuminated by no more than two (2) fixtures per pole. There shall be no more than two (2) fixtures per property used to illuminate flags, irrespective of the number of flagpoles installed on a property. Only narrow beam spotlights with glare controls (such as but not limited to louvers, grids, full hoods, or "barn door" baffles) may be used. The fifty percent (50%) beam spread of the fixture(s) used shall correspond to the area of the flag(s) to be illuminated. Fixtures may be mounted at grade, on the flagpole to be illuminated, or on stanchions no more than twenty-four (24) inches above grade. Ground- or stanchion-mounted fixtures shall be located no more than fifteen (15) feet from the base of the flagpole. Wall-mounted fixtures located on adjacent buildings are prohibited.

5. Illumination Level. An application may be based, at the applicant's discretion, on either the maximum total light level on the flag, measured in initial footcandles and determined by the geometric relationship of the flag to the proposed lighting fixture or fixtures; or the total lumen power of each lamp used to illuminate the flag. Manufacturers' data for lamps and fixtures and the Lighting Plan submitted by the applicant must provide sufficient information to make a determination on one of the applicable criteria. Maximum total illumination levels shall not exceed the following standards:

(a) Maximum light level on the flag on properties having a principal

lot frontage on an arterial or collector road: one hundred (100) initial footcandles.

(b) Maximum light level on the flag, all other lots: fifty (50) initial footcandles.

(c) Total initial lumen power of each lamp used to illuminate the flag on properties having a principal lot frontage on an arterial or collector road: 36,000 initial lumens

(d) Total initial lumen power of each lamp used to illuminate the flag, all other lots: 15,000 initial lumens.

6. Setbacks from Residential Properties. Any flagpole to be illuminated per the provisions of sub-sections 10.07.4 and 5 shall be located a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from all property lines of any adjacent parcel with a residential use.

7. Lamp Type. Lamps used shall be metal halide or another type having a Color Rendering Index (CRI) over sixty-five (65).

8. Glare Control. Fixtures shall be aimed directly at the flag(s) to be illuminated. No portion of the lamp(s) or reflective surfaces on the fixture(s) shall be visible from a roadway or from adjoining properties.

9. Lighting Design Plan. An applicant shall submit a Lighting Design Plan with the following information:

- (a) The location of property boundaries, nearby roadways, the flagpole to be illuminated, and the lighting fixtures to be used.
- (b) The proposed mounting type, location(s) and dimensions (ground, flagpole or stanchion).
- (c) A statement of the illumination level measurement to be used (initial footcandles at the flag or lumen power of the lamps) and a diagram sufficient to determine lighting levels at the flag if initial footcandles are the measurement to be used to determine compliance.
- (d) An illustration of the area that will be illuminated by the proposed fixtures.
- (e) The manufacturer's specifications for the lighting fixture(s) to be used, including lamp type, beam spread, Color Rendering Index, wattage, and glare controls.

N. All Other Lighting. Illumination of areas or activities other than described above shall be prohibited.

O. Application Materials. In addition to any special information specified above, applications for approval of exterior lighting shall include at least the following:

1. A site plan showing the area to be illuminated and the location of all fixtures and mounting heights.
2. A point by point analysis of anticipated illumination levels in the area to be illuminated based on use of the proposed fixtures, lamps, and mounting heights.
3. The maximum, minimum and average illumination levels shall be shown for each area illuminated.
4. Specifications of the fixtures to be used, including documentation of cut-off classification, horizontal and vertical light distribution patterns, and the lamp to be used in each.
5. If vertical surfaces are to be illuminated, a point by point distribution of vertical illumination levels shall be provided, along with an indication of the maximum illumination level to be generated.

P. Waiver of Lighting Standards. The Development Review Board shall have the authority to, when reasonable, modify these lighting standards provided the lighting otherwise meets the intent of the standards herein.

10.03 Outside Storage & Display

A. General Requirements. Outside storage of goods, materials, vehicles, and equipment shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. Any outside storage and/or display shall be appurtenant to the primary use of the property and shall be allowed only in nonresidential districts and upon approval of the Development Review Board in conjunction with a site plan, conditional use and/or PUD application.
2. The Development Review Board may deny requests for outside storage for uses that do not customarily have outside storage.
3. The Development Review Board may require that outside storage areas in connection with commercial or industrial uses be enclosed and/or screened.
4. Storage of scrap, salvage/junk material, junk motor vehicles, trash, refuse, automotive dismantling, salvage or recycling facilities, and the storage of more than one motor vehicle without valid Vermont State Inspection stickers may be permitted only in connection with approved automotive repair use, automotive sales, salvage yard use, or contractor's yard use.
5. Farm equipment normally on farm land and equipment involved in construction and which is kept on an active construction site shall be excluded from this section.

10.04 Landscaping, Screening, & Street Trees

A. Purpose. The Town of Colchester recognizes the importance of trees, vegetation, and well-planned green spaces and using these as a resource in promoting the health, safety, and welfare of town residents through improved drainage, water supply recharge, air quality, sun control, shade, and visual relief. Landscaping and screening shall be required for all uses subject to Development Review Board review. Street tree plantings shall be required for all streets in accordance with the Colchester Street Tree Master Plan. In evaluating landscaping and screening requirements, the Development Review Board shall promote the retention of existing trees while encouraging the use of a variety of plant species. At its discretion, the Development Review Board may refer to *Recommended Trees for Vermont Communities: A Guide to Selecting and Purchasing Street, Park, and Landscape Trees*, published by Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program to guide landscaping and screening decisions.

B. Screening or buffering. The Development Review Board will require landscaping, fencing, land shaping and/or screening along property boundaries (lot lines) whenever it determines that a) two adjacent sites are dissimilar and should be screened or buffered from each other, or b) a property's appearance should be improved, which property is covered excessively with pavement or structures or is otherwise insufficiently landscaped, or c) a commercial, industrial, and multi-family use abuts a residential district or institutional use.

1. All off-street parking areas, off-street loading areas, outdoor storage areas, refuse and recycling areas, and utility improvements such as transformer(s), external heating and cooling equipment shall be effectively screened.
2. Such screening shall be a permanently maintained landscape of evergreen or a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, and/or a solid fence.

3. The landscaping shall be designed to minimize erosion and stormwater runoff, and to protect neighboring residential properties from the view of uses and parking areas on the site. The landscaping shall be of such type, height, and spacing, as in the judgment of the Development Review Board, will effectively screen the activities on the lot from the view of persons standing on adjoining properties. The plan and specifications for such planting shall be filed with the approved plan for the use of the lot.
4. A solid wall or fence, of location, height, and design approved by the Development Review Board, may be substituted for the required planting.
5. Modifications. Where the existing topography and/or landscaping provides adequate screening or would render the normally required screening inadequate, the Development Review Board may modify the planting and/or buffer requirements by, respectively, decreasing or increasing the requirements.
6. Recreational vehicle parking areas shall be screened with evergreen trees and shrubs and such landscaping plan shall be part of the application.
7. Additional landscaping above and beyond the formula may be required for the purpose of adding a buffer strip along I-89 and 289 to properly screen development from the highway.

C. Front Yards of Non-Residential and Multi-Family Uses. In the case of non-residential and multi-family uses, the required front yard shall be suitably landscaped and maintained in good appearance.

D. Site Restoration. Grading or seeding shall be required to restore the condition of any portion of a site that is disturbed during construction.

E. Landscaping Plan. Landscaping plans shall be prepared by a landscape architect, master gardener, nursery professional, arborist, professional landscape designer, or other landscape professional. Such plans shall be included with the site plan and shall consist of the following:

1. A list of existing vegetation, with the location, type, and size of existing trees of six inches or greater in caliper.
2. The location of existing natural features, such as streams, wetlands, and rock outcroppings.
3. All proposed physical improvements, such as buildings, walls, parking areas, sidewalks, etc.
4. Proposed landscaping materials, including vegetation to remain, types of new plant materials, identified by common name and botanical name, sizes of all new plant materials by height and/or diameter at time of planting and at maturity, quantities of each of the planting materials, and treatment of the ground surface (paving, seeding, or groundcover).
5. A landscape phasing plan. Construction phasing shall be shown on the landscape plan with landscaping and construction activities correlated.
6. Street trees shall be depicted on the plans in accordance with the Colchester Street Tree Master Plan.

F. Landscaping Budget Requirements. The Development Review

Board shall require minimum planting costs for all site plans: three percent of the construction or improvement cost. In evaluating landscaping requirements, some credit may be granted for existing trees or for site improvements other than tree planting as long as the objectives of this section are not reduced. The landscaping budget shall be prepared by a landscape architect or professional landscape designer. Prior to obtaining a building permit for the project, the applicant shall provide a suitable escrow, letter of credit, or similar form of surety to guarantee the performance and completion of all planting required pursuant to the Section for a period of no less than five years.

G. Inspection. Prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, the Town shall inspect all landscaping and screening. The Town shall identify all trees, shrubs, and other plants that are not in a healthy and vigorous condition or have been removed and provide a list of replacement requirements and a deadline for re-planting to the project owner. If the project owner does not comply with the replacement and re-planting requirement by said deadline the Town may utilize the surety provided by the applicant to complete replacement and re-planting. If all landscaping is in healthy and vigorous condition and planted as per the approved landscaping plan, the Town may reduce the surety by half at the time of issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

10.05 Utility Cabinets and Similar Structures

A. General Requirements. The construction of a utility cabinet shall only be permitted according to the following regulations.

B. Specific Standards for Utility Cabinets and Similar Structures.

1. The facility shall serve the Town of Colchester and/or immediately adjacent communities.
2. If the parcel containing the facility is landlocked, there shall be a recorded easement or permission granting access to the utility or owner of the facility.
3. There shall be suitable fencing to protect the public and sufficient landscaping with evergreens of sufficient height and density to screen effectively the facility from surrounding property.
4. There shall be adequate off-street parking for maintenance, service, or other vehicles.
5. The location of the facility shall be shown on all relevant site plans.
6. The Development Review Board may require setbacks or attach other conditions in order to prevent any hazard to the public or noise nuisance to surrounding property.
7. A facility that would be a nuisance to surrounding properties due to smoke, gas, heat, odor, noise, or vibration shall not be permitted in any district.

10.06 Trash Containers

A. General Requirements. All commercial, industrial, and multi-family dwelling unit trash containers shall be centrally located on a concrete pad and enclosed with an opaque screen that is the minimum height of the containers. The location of the trash containers shall not be in a visually prominent area and shall generally be behind a building and not visible from the right-of-way. Trash containers shall be located so as to not interfere with circulation on the site. Where feasible the trash container screening shall also include a latching gate.

10.07 Numbering Systems

A. General Requirements. All properties shall comply with the Colchester Street Naming and Street Addressing Regulations within the Colchester Code of Ordinance and amended from time to time.

B. Specific Requirements. Multi-family residences and commercial or industrial suites shall contain appropriate directional signs, as defined in the Colchester Sign Ordinance, and numbering systems at major entrances. All directional signage, street name signs, and unit numbers shall be installed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

10.08 Solar Collectors

A. General Requirements. Solar collectors are encouraged where feasible to provide alternative energy.

B. Specific Requirements. Solar collectors shall be permitted only where the following conditions can be met:

1. Roof-mounted solar collectors located on front and side building roofs visible from the public right-of-way shall not extend more than twelve (12) inches above the peak of the roof plane where it is mounted and further provided that no portion of any such solar collector shall extend more than 36 inches perpendicular to the point on the roof where it is mounted.
2. Roof-mounted solar collectors located on the rear side of the building roofs shall not extend more than twelve (12) inches above the peak of the roof plane where it is mounted and further provided that no portion of any such solar collector shall extend more than four (4) feet perpendicular to the point on the roof where it is mounted.
3. Ground-mounted solar collectors shall not exceed eight (8) ft. in total height and shall be located within the rear yard or side yard at least ten (10) feet inside the property line and shall be screened from adjacent properties to the extent feasible.
4. All lines serving a ground-mounted solar system shall be located underground.

10.09 Wind Turbines

A. General Requirements. Alternative energy sources are encouraged where public well-being and safety are not out at risk and aesthetic concerns can be reasonably mitigated.

B. Specific Requirements. All wind turbines shall meet the following standards:

1. The wind turbine shall have a maximum output rating of 15 kilowatts.
2. The wind turbine shall be set back from property lines and roads at least two times the height of the overall wind turbine as measured to the top of the blade in a vertical position. Setbacks may be reduced to 1.5 times the height of the overall tower if written consent from adjacent property owners is provided. In no case should the minimum setback for the wind turbine be less than the zoning district minimum required setback.
3. Public access to the wind turbine shall be restricted through the use of a fence with locked gates, non-climbable towers or other suitable methods.
4. Suitable warning signs containing a telephone number for emergency calls shall face all approaches to the system. Individual signs shall be no larger than six (6) square feet.
5. The wind turbine shall be operated in such a manner that it does not exceed the sound level limits of the Performance Standards herein in Appendix C.
6. The following measures should be followed whenever feasible in order to minimize the visual impact of the project:
 - (a) Removal of existing vegetation should be minimized.
 - (b) Any accessory buildings should be painted or otherwise visually treated to blend with the surroundings.
 - (c) The turbine should be painted with non-reflective paint to blend with the surroundings.
7. All lines serving a wind turbine system shall be located underground.

10.10 Telecommunications Towers & Commercial Satellite Dishes

A. Authority. Under authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 2291(19) and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, the Colchester Development Review Board hereby adopts the following civil ordinance concerning telecommunications facilities. Under this Ordinance, the Colchester Development Review Board shall have the power to regulate the construction, alteration, development, decommissioning or dismantling of wireless telecommunications facilities and ancillary improvements. The Board may require that bond be posted or that other acceptable security be provided in order to finance future decommissioning or dismantling activities.

B. Purpose. The purposes of this Section are to advance the objectives of the Colchester Municipal Plan, to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the Town of Colchester, and to accommodate the communication needs of the community. This

regulation shall:

1. Preserve the character and appearance of the Town of Colchester while allowing adequate telecommunications services to be developed;
2. Protect the scenic, historic, environmental and natural resources of the town;
3. Provide standards and requirements for the operation, siting, design, appearance, construction, monitoring and removal of telecommunications facilities and towers;
4. Minimize tower and antenna proliferation by requiring the sharing of existing telecommunications facilities, towers and sites where possible and appropriate;
5. Facilitate the provision of telecommunications services to the community;
6. Minimize the adverse visual effects of telecommunications facilities and towers through careful design and siting standards;
7. Encourage the location of towers and antennas in non-residential areas and away from other sensitive areas such as those that have schools and child care facilities; and
8. Encourage the use of the latest telecommunications technologies with the least intrusive equipment available at the time.

C. Consistency with Federal Law. In addition to other findings required by this Ordinance, the Board shall find that its decision regarding an application is intended to be consistent with federal law, particularly the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This regulation:

1. Does not prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services;
2. Does not unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services; and
3. Does not regulate personal wireless services on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that the regulated services and facilities comply with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations concerning such emissions.

D. Permits. Application for a permit for a telecommunications tower, facility, or commercial satellite dish shall be reviewed by the Colchester Development Review Board through the site plan application process specified in Article 8. Small Scale Facilities, as herein defined, shall be eligible for review as an administrative site plan. No construction, alteration, addition, modification, or installation of any new telecommunications tower or facility site shall commence until the applicant has received all necessary permits. This includes installation of antennas for any uses, change in the number of buildings or facilities, material change in technology used, or addition or change of any equipment resulting in greater visibility or structural wind-loading or additional height of the tower or profile change of the facility due to additional antennas not included in the original application. Telecommunications towers or facilities may be permitted upon compliance with this regulation and upon proof of compliance with all other local, state or federal laws applicable to land use and development and to such towers or facilities.

E. Small Scale Facilities

The placement of wireless telecommunications antennas, commercial satellite dishes, repeaters or microcells on existing buildings, structures, roofs, or walls, and not extending more than 10 feet from the same, or the installation of ground facilities less than 20 feet in height, may be approved by the **Administrative Officer Development Review Coordinator** through the Administrative Site Plan Process, provided the antennas meet the applicable requirements of this Section, upon submission of:

1. A complete site plan application as specified in Article 8.
2. A report prepared by a qualified engineer [A mechanical or structural engineer will be qualified by virtue of licensing in the State of Vermont; RF engineers, however, are not licensed by most states, including Vermont.] indicating the structure's suitability for the telecommunications facility, and that the proposed method of affixing the antenna or other device to the structure complies with standard engineering practices. Complete details of all fixtures and couplings and the exact point(s) of attachment shall be indicated.
3. For a facility to be installed on an existing structure, a copy of the applicant's executed contract with the owner of the existing structure.
4. No such device may be located closer than 50' to an existing residence.

F. Application Requirements. An application for a telecommunications tower or facility in the Town of Colchester shall include a completed site plan application as detailed in Article 8. Telecommunication facilities that are not deemed to be Small Scale Facilities shall require the following information:

1. An applicant for a telecommunications tower or facility must be a telecommunications provider or must provide a copy of its executed contract to provide land or facilities to an existing telecommunications provider.
2. The name(s), address(es), fax/telephone numbers and e-mail address(es) of the persons to be contacted who are authorized to act in event of an emergency regarding the structure or safety of the tower or facility;
3. A vicinity map showing the entire vicinity within a 2500 foot radius of the tower or facility site, including the location of the telecommunications facility or tower, topography, public and private roads and driveways, buildings and structures, utilities, water bodies, wetlands, landscape features, historic sites and habitats for endangered species. It shall indicate the property lines of the proposed tower site parcel and all easements or rights of way needed for access from a public way to the tower and/or other structures;
4. The location of the proposed structure on a USGS Topographic Map or Survey with 20-foot elevations or a GIS-generated map compatible with VCGI standards and encompassing the area within at least a two-mile radius of the proposed tower site;
5. Elevations and proposed site plans of the entire development showing all facades and indicating all exterior materials and colors of towers, buildings and associated facilities, as well as all proposed landscaping, utility wires, guy wires and screening. (All plans shall be drawn at a minimum scale of 1 inch = 50 feet);

6. In the case of a proposed site which is forested, the approximate average height of the existing vegetation within 200 feet of the tower base;
7. Construction sequence and time schedule for completion of each phase of the entire project;
8. Identify all drainage and subsurface drainage structures on the land to be affected. These should include drainage culverts, ditches and how the applicant will mitigate drainage problems as a result of construction of the facility or towers;
9. Provide an emergency management plan that depicts how the applicant will mitigate unsafe situations such as pending failures as well as actual structural failure of the towers or their supports, problems with power lines and poles leading to the facility, terrorist threats and other acts; and how will the plan integrate with the Town of Colchester's emergency plan;
10. Demonstrate the property and liability insurance coverage is sufficient to protect abutting property owners and other affected parties;
11. Demonstrate that any abandoned or unused tower or other portions of the telecommunication facility has been removed from the site, and
12. A report from a qualified and licensed engineer that:
 - (a) Describes the tower height, design and elevation;
 - (b) Documents the height above grade for all proposed mounting positions for antennas to be collocated on a telecommunications tower and the minimum separation distances between antennas;
 - (c) Describes the tower's proposed capacity, including the number, height and types of antennas that the tower is proposed to accommodate;
 - (d) Documents the steps the applicant will take to avoid interference with any established public safety telecommunications;
 - (e) Demonstrates that existing telecommunications towers and other existing structures within 30 miles of the proposed site cannot reasonably be modified to provide adequate coverage and adequate capacity to the community;
 - (f) Describes the output frequency, number of channels and the power output per channel for each proposed antenna;
 - (g) Includes a written five-year plan for use of the proposed telecommunications facility, including reasons for seeking capacity in excess of immediate needs (if applicable), as well as plans for additional development and coverage within the Town;
 - (h) Demonstrates the proposed tower's, facility's and other structure's compliance with the standards set forth in this regulation or other applicable standards;
 - (i) Provides proof that at the proposed site the applicant will be in compliance with all FCC regulations, standards and requirements, and includes a statement that the applicant commits to continue to maintain compliance with all FCC regulations, standards and requirements regarding both radio frequency interference (RFI) and radio frequency radiation (RFR). The applicant shall also prove that the proposed facility will not interfere with Town emergency services equipment. (The

Development Review Board may hire independent engineers to perform evaluations of compliance with the FCC regulations, standards and requirements on an annual basis at unannounced times, at the expense of the applicant.);

(j) Includes such other information required by the Board or its consultants necessary to evaluate the application; and

(k) Includes each engineer's stamp and registration number;

(l) Demonstrates that the applicant has analyzed the feasibility of using repeaters or micro-cells in conjunction with all facility sites listed in compliance with collocation requirements herein in Section 10.10F.

13. A letter of intent committing the tower or facility owner and his or her successors to permit shared use of the tower if the additional user(s) agree to meet reasonable terms and conditions for shared use, including compliance with all applicable FCC regulations, standards and requirements and the provisions of this Ordinance and all other applicable laws;

14. In the case of an application for additional antennas or other equipment to be installed on a previously permitted tower or other structure, a copy of the executed contract with the owner of the existing structure;

15. To the extent required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and as administered by the FCC, a complete Environmental Assessment (EA) draft or final report describing the probable impacts of the proposed facility.

16. Each application shall be signed by the applicant(s) and the contributing engineer(s) under the pains and penalties of perjury.

17. Computer generated photo simulations of the proposed facility showing the facility from public rights-of-way and any adjacent property from which it may be visible. Each photo shall be labeled with the line of sight, elevation, and the date taken imprinted on the photo. The photos must show the color of the facility and the method of screening.

G. Collocation Requirements. An application for a new telecommunications tower or facility shall not be approved unless the Development Review Board finds that the antennas and other equipment planned for the proposed tower or facility cannot be accommodated on an existing or approved tower or facility due to one of the following reasons:

1. The proposed antennas and other equipment would exceed the structural or spatial capacity of the existing or approved tower or facility, as documented by a qualified engineer licensed to practice in the State of Vermont, and the existing or approved tower or facility cannot be reinforced, modified or replaced to accommodate planned or equivalent antennas and equipment at a reasonable cost to provide coverage and capacity comparable to that of the proposed facility;

2. The proposed antennas and equipment would cause interference materially impacting the usefulness of other existing or permitted equipment at the existing or approved tower or facility as documented by a qualified engineer licensed to practice in the State of Vermont and such interference cannot be prevented at a reasonable cost;

3. The proposed antennas and equipment, alone or together with existing facilities, equipment or antennas, would create RFI in violation of federal standards or requirements;
4. The proposed antennas and equipment, either alone or together with existing equipment and antennas would create RFR in violation of federal standards or requirements;
5. Existing or approved towers and other structures cannot accommodate the planned antennas and equipment at a height necessary to function reasonably or are too far from the area of needed coverage to function reasonably as documented by a qualified engineer licensed to practice in the State of Vermont;
6. Aesthetic considerations make it unreasonable to locate the planned antennas and equipment upon an existing or approved tower or building;
7. There is no existing or approved tower or other structure in the area for which coverage is sought; or
8. Other unforeseen specific reasons make it unreasonable to locate the planned antennas and equipment upon an existing or approved tower or building.
9. Towers shall be designed to allow for future rearrangement of antennas upon the tower and to accept antennas mounted at varying heights where overall permitted height allows. Towers shall be designed structurally, electrically and in all other respects to accommodate both the applicant's antennas and additional antennas where overall permitted height allows.

H. Height and Setback Requirements. In order to protect public safety and to preserve the scenic character and appearance of the area, the height limit for towers, antennas and tower-related fixtures shall be not more than 20 feet above the average height of the tree line measured within 100 feet of the highest vertical element of the telecommunications facility. Notwithstanding the above, additional height may be approved upon a finding by the Development Review Board that the additional height is necessary in order to provide adequate coverage in the Town of Colchester or to accomplish collocation of facilities and that the additional height will not cause an undue visual impact on the scenic character or appearance of the area. In the event tower facilities are proposed in open areas, the height limit shall not exceed the height necessary to provide adequate coverage in the Town of Colchester or to accomplish collection of facilities and will not cause an undue visual impact on the scenic character or appearance of the area. The minimum distance from any telecommunications tower or facility to any property line, dwelling or other occupied structure shall be no less than the height of the tower, including antennas or other vertical appurtenances. In the event that the communications tower or equipment will be mounted on an existing structure such as a silo, church steeple or utility pole, the minimum distances from the base of that structure to any property line, dwelling or other occupied structure shall be no less than the height of the tower including antennas and other vertical appurtenances.

I. Lighting and Signage Requirements. Towers shall not be illuminated by artificial means and shall not display strobe lights unless such lighting is required by FAA or other federal or state law. If any lighting is required solely because of the height of a tower, the Development Review Board may review the plan to determine if the lighting requirement

can be eliminated by a reduced height or a change in location of the tower. No commercial signs or lettering shall be placed on the tower or its appurtenances.

J. Design Requirements. All telecommunications towers, antennas and their support structures shall be designed to blend into the surrounding environment through the use of color camouflaging, architectural design, and other alternative design tower structures as well as by minimal disruption of existing vegetation. The following standards shall apply to the design of telecommunication and commercial satellite facilities:

1. Materials used for the exterior of any structure shall be of a type, color and location so as to minimize glare and the impact on any scenic or historic areas, public vantage points or abutting properties.
2. Screening shall be required at the perimeter of the site. This may be provided by existing natural foliage or by planted new foliage or other means approved by the Development Review Board. A planted or natural vegetative screen shall be a minimum of 10 feet in depth with a minimum height of 6 feet and shall have the potential to grow to a height of at least 15 feet at maturity. Existing on-site vegetation outside the immediate site for the wireless facility shall be preserved or improved. Disturbance to existing topography shall be minimized unless the disturbance is demonstrated to result in less visual impact on the facility from surrounding properties and other vantage-points.
3. Where telecommunications facilities require construction of a new access road or improvement to existing access roads, to the extent practicable, roads shall follow the contour of the land. Access roads, when consistent with the purposes of this Ordinance and when economically feasible, shall be constructed or improved within existing forest or forest fringe areas and not in open fields. Utility or service lines shall be designed and located so as to minimize or prevent disruption of the scenic character and beauty of the area.
4. Protection of Scenic Ridges and Hillsides. The Development Review Board, in consultation with the applicant and others, shall determine the likely visual impact of any proposed telecommunications facility or tower and may require balloon tests, photographs, simulations, and any other necessary, helpful and relevant information. Based on the information presented, the Development Review Board may designate an alternative location for the facility or tower or may request a redesign in order to minimize the visual impact on the scenic character and beauty of the area. In determining whether or not a facility or tower would have an undue adverse visual impact and when setting conditions in the permit, the Development Review Board shall consider:
 - (a) The period of time and frequency during which it would be viewed by persons traveling on public highways in the Town of Colchester;
 - (b) The degree to which it will be screened by existing vegetation, the topography of the land, and existing structures;
 - (c) Background features that will either obscure it or make it more conspicuous;

- (d)The proportion of it which will be visible above the skyline or tree line;
- (e)The number of residents of Colchester who will be affected by the alteration of the scenic character and beauty of the area;
- (f)The sensitivity or unique value of the particular view affected by it; and
- (g)Significant disruption of a view-shed that provides context to a historic or scenic resource in the Town of Colchester.

K. Continuing Obligations. Upon receiving a permit, the applicant shall annually certify on January 15th in an affidavit that it is in compliance with all FCC standards and requirements regarding RFR and provide basis for his or her representations. In addition the applicant shall comply with the following requirements:

1. The telecommunications facility or tower owner shall maintain adequate insurance on the facility, tower and the entire site.
2. All facility and tower sites shall be properly fenced and identified by signage that indicates the presence of RFR and any other appropriate warnings required by the permit conditions.

L. Removal of Abandoned, Unused, Obsolete, Damaged, or Dangerous Towers or Other Portions of Facilities. Abandoned or unused towers or other portions of telecommunications facilities shall be removed as follows:

1. The owner of a tower shall annually, on January 15th, file a declaration with the Development Review Board certifying the continuing safe operation of the entire tower and other portions of the facility. Failure to file a declaration shall mean that it is no longer in use and the Development Review Board shall declare it abandoned.
2. Abandoned or unused towers and facilities shall be removed within 180 days of cessation of operations unless a time extension is approved by the Development Review Board. If the tower is not removed within 180 days of cessation of operations at a site, the municipality shall notify the owner and may remove the tower and all associated facilities. Costs of removal shall be assessed against the property owner, tower owner and/or facility owner.
3. Unused portions of towers shall be removed within 180 days of the time that such portion is no longer used. Replacement of portions of a tower previously removed shall require a new permit.
4. An owner who has failed to file an annual declaration with the Development Review Board by January 15 may, by February 15, file a declaration of use or intended use and may request the ability to continue use of the facility/tower.

10.11 Satellite Dishes Other than Commercial Satellite Dishes.

A. General Requirements. This section shall be applicable to satellite dishes that do not qualify as Commercial Satellite Dishes.

B. Specific Standards. All satellite dishes shall be attached to a primary structure. No more than two satellite dishes shall be located on a structure without site plan approval by the Development Review Board. Every effort shall be made to screen such dishes and locate such dishes off the primary façade of a structure.

10.12 Bus Shelters

A. General Requirements. The location and design of bus shelters shall require site plan approval.

B. Specific Requirements. Such shelters may be constructed adjacent to or within street rights-of-way in any zoning district. The shelter shall be located to permit ample room for the bus to conveniently leave the traveled roadway to pick up or discharge passengers. The design shall be harmonious with adjacent properties.

10.13 Home Occupations and Home Businesses

A. Home Occupations. Customary home occupations are permitted as accessory uses in dwelling units provided that the home occupation does not adversely affect the residential character of the property or adjacent properties and the following conditions are met:

1. The use is conducted solely and entirely within the primary dwelling or in an accessory building, and the use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for living purposes.
2. The home occupation shall be owned by the principle occupant of the dwelling in which it is located. In no case may the homeowner or principle occupant rent out the business area of the dwelling.
3. No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the ground floor area of the dwelling, but not to exceed 500 square feet, or its equivalent elsewhere in the dwelling or in an accessory building shall be used by the home occupation.
4. There shall be no external display or advertising of goods or services or other external evidence of such use, except for a sign. Such sign shall conform to the Colchester Sign Ordinance. The content of the sign shall be the name and/or address of the home occupation and/or owner of the business.
5. The establishment of such occupation shall not require internal or external alterations or involve construction features not customarily found in dwelling units.
6. The appliances and equipment shall be operated in such a manner that they do not produce and emit beyond the boundaries of the premises on which the use is located, dust, glare, hazardous material, heat, light, noise, odor, radiation, radio or television interference, smoke, or vibration and are in no other manner obnoxious or detrimental to the immediate neighborhood as defined in the Performance Standards herein in Appendix C.
7. The use itself is conducted in such a manner and during such hours that it is in no way obnoxious, offensive, or detrimental to the immediate neighborhood.

8. In the case of a music or voice instructor, the office or studio shall be so equipped and used that the sounds there from shall not be heard beyond the boundaries of the premises on which the use is located.
9. There are not more than two (2) employees or helpers other than members of the household provided that parking spaces for such employees shall be located in side or rear yards.
10. The home occupation use shall not generate traffic greater than 12 vehicle trip ends per day. Vehicle trip ends for the residential use shall not be included in counting trip ends for the home occupation use.

B. Home Businesses. An activity which exceeds the standards for a home occupation may be considered a home business. Home businesses shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. The Home Business shall be carried on by residents of the premises and not more than three (3) additional on-premise employees who are not residents, provided that parking spaces for such employees shall be provided off-street and shall be located in side or rear yards.
2. The Home Business shall be carried on wholly within a primary dwelling or in an accessory building and not have external storage of supplies and equipment visible from any adjacent highways or dwelling unit, with the exception of parking spaces specified in Section 10.13B(1).
3. A Home Business shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for living purposes. An activity which exceeds these requirements herein shall be prohibited.

10.14 Seasonal Dwelling Units ~~Conversion~~

A. General Provisions. These provisions shall apply to all structures constructed as seasonal dwelling units. Nothing herein shall prevent the continuation of seasonal use of a dwelling that was constructed as such. No new seasonal dwelling units shall be permitted.

B. Seasonal Use. A summer seasonal dwelling may be occupied from ~~May 1st~~ **April 1st** through ~~October 31st~~ **September 30th** and shall be vacated at all other times. A winter seasonal dwelling is occupied from ~~October~~ **November 1st** through ~~April~~ **March 31st** ~~30th~~ and shall be vacated at all other times.

C. Conversion. A seasonal dwelling unit may be converted to a single family dwelling (including occupancy) if the Zoning Administrator, through the Building Permit process, determines the conversion meets the following requirements:

1. On-site Sewage Disposal. The property shall have a septic system conforming to all current Town and State regulations. The sewage requirements of Chapter Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances shall not be waived by the Development Review Board.

2. Access. The property shall have adequate access in accordance with the adopted Colchester Code of Ordinances Chapter Seven and any amendments thereto. The Life Safety Inspector shall be the reviewing authority for adequate access.
 3. Potable Water. The property shall have year-round access to potable water that meets all current Town and State regulations.
 4. The proposed year-round residential use is a permitted or otherwise allowed in the District.
 5. Two off-street parking spaces are required per dwelling unit.
- D. Improvements. A seasonal dwelling unit may be rehabilitated or otherwise repaired through the building permit process so long as the footprint is maintained or reduced and a compliant septic integrity report is submitted in accordance with Chapter Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances.**
- E. Extension. A seasonal dwelling unit may be reconstructed or enlarged with through the building permit process so long as the following conditions are met:**
1. On-site Sewage Disposal. The property shall have a septic system plan showing the existing septic area and an approvable replacement area. There shall be no encroachments into the existing septic area or the replacement area. A compliant septic integrity report shall be submitted in accordance with Chapter Eight of the Colchester Code of Ordinances. No increases to flows shall be allowed.
 2. Potable Water. The property shall have access to potable water that meets all current Town and State regulations.
 3. The residential use is a permitted or otherwise allowed in the District.
 4. Two off-street parking spaces are required per dwelling unit.
- F. Seasonal Dwelling Units shall not be subject to the time limits established under Section 2.12A(3).**

ARTICLE 11: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

11.01 Applicability of Vermont Planning and Development Act.

11.02 Enforcement Officer

11.03 Zoning Permits and Water & Wastewater Permits

11.04 Certificates of Occupancy and Compliance

11.05 Expiration of Permits and Approvals

11.06 Fees

11.07 Offenses, Penalties

11.08 Revocations of Permits

11.09 Appeals

11.10 Records Maintenance

11.01 Applicability of Vermont Planning and Development Act.

The provisions of Chapter 117, Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated, known as the Vermont Planning and Development Act, shall apply to the administration and enforcement of these regulations, the effect of the adoption of these regulations, the appointment and powers of the Zoning Administrator, the requirement for zoning permits, water & wastewater permits, and certificates of occupancy/compliance, penalties and remedies, administration and finance, public notice, appeals and granting of variances and other related matters; provided, however, the commencement and prosecution of a violation of these zoning regulations by the issuance of a municipal civil complaint ticket shall be governed by Chapter 59 of Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated and Chapter 29 of Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

11.02 Zoning Administrator; Enforcement Officer.

The Zoning Administrator shall be the enforcement officer in the enforcement of these regulations. The Zoning Administrator may request other town officers and employees to assist with the enforcement of these regulations, including the Planning and Zoning staff, **Wastewater Official** ~~Life Safety and Building Inspectors~~, Police Officers, and/or Town Attorney.

Additionally, under and pursuant to the authority granted by 24 V.S.A., Chapter 59 and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 to “municipal officials,” the zoning administrator shall serve as the “municipal official” or “enforcement officer” for the Town of Colchester for the purpose of enforcing these Zoning Regulations, and shall possess all the authority granted such official in the enforcement of said regulations. Town officers, upon being designated as deputy municipal officials by, and subject to the general supervision and overall direction of, the Zoning Administrator, shall serve as municipal officials and shall possess all the authority of a municipal official in the enforcement of said regulations.

11.03 Zoning Permits and Water & Wastewater Permits.

A. Zoning Permit Required. No land development, accessory apartment, daycare facility, nursing care home, home business or occupation may be commenced without a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. No zoning permit may be issued by the Zoning Administrator except in conformance with these regulations and the provisions of the Vermont Planning and Development Act. Any applicant for a zoning permit shall provide the Zoning Administrator with any and all information the Zoning Administrator deems necessary to ascertain compliance with these zoning regulations. Such permit shall not be effective until the time for appeal has expired, or such appeal has been adjudicated, in accordance with the with 24 V.S.A. Section 4465.

B. Water & Wastewater Permit Required. No construction of a potable water supply or drilling may be commenced without a water & wastewater permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. No water & wastewater permit may be issued by the Zoning Administrator except in conformance with these regulations and the provisions of the Vermont Environmental Protection rules, otherwise known as the “Vermont Water Supply Rules” as amended from time to time. Any applicant for a water & wastewater permit shall provide the Zoning Administrator with any and all information the Zoning Administrator deems necessary to ascertain compliance with these regulations. Such permit shall not be effective until the time for appeal has expired, or such appeal has been adjudicated, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 4465.

11.04 Certificates of Occupancy / Compliance.

It shall be unlawful to use, occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any land or structure or part thereof created, erected, changed, converted, or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use until the Zoning Administrator or designee issues a certificate of occupancy or compliance stating that such structure or land development conforms to all approved plans and specifications and the requirements of these regulations.

11.05 Expiration of Permits and Approvals.

A. Zoning Permits and Water & Wastewater Permits.

Unless substantial construction has commenced and is continuing, a zoning permit or water & wastewater permit shall expire twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. In any case, all work shall be completed within two (2) years from the date of issue of the permit. Provided, however, if construction has not commenced or continued, the Zoning Administrator may extend the permit for a specified period (not to

exceed 6 months) upon finding of objective evidence of the intent and effort to pursue the project for which the permit was issued.

B. Other Approvals.

Unless substantial construction has commenced and is continuing, an approval for conditional use, variance, or site plan shall expire one year from the date of issuance of final approval in accordance with Article Eight.

11.06 Fees.

The Select Board shall establish, and may revise, by ordinance or resolution, reasonable fees to be charged with respect to the administration of this Regulation.

11.07 Violations; Prosecution; Penalties.

A violation of these regulations shall constitute a civil ordinance violation. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Offenses may be prosecuted through the issuance of a municipal civil complaint ticket or the commencement of an enforcement action as described below.

A. Municipal Civil Complaint Ticket.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 29, any designated enforcement officer, as referenced in section 11.02 above, may commence prosecution for any zoning violation by serving two copies of a municipal civil complaint ticket either in person or by first class mail on the alleged offender, and thereafter promptly filing the original with the Judicial Bureau. The issuing officer shall follow the procedure set forth by the Judicial Bureau for municipal complaint tickets. The first offense

ticketed for a violation shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the waiver fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00); a second offense ticketed for the same violation shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), the waiver fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00); a third offense ticketed for the same violation shall be punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), the waiver fee shall be two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Upon the fourth offense, the Town may request that the case be transferred from the Judicial Bureau to the Environmental Court, or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

B. Enforcement Action under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117.

An enforcement action may be brought under 24 V.S.A. Section 4451 for any violation of this ordinance. Pursuant to an enforcement action, any person who violates this ordinance shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense. No action may be brought under this subsection unless the alleged offender has had at least seven (7) days' warning notice by certified mail. An action may be brought without the seven (7) day notice and opportunity to cure if the alleged offender repeats the violation of the by-law or ordinance after the seven (7) day notice period and within the next succeeding twelve (12) months. The seven (7) day warning notice shall state that a violation exists, that the alleged offender has an opportunity to cure the violation within the seven (7) days and that the alleged offender will not be entitled to an additional warning notice for a violation occurring after the seven (7) days. In default of payment of the fine, such person, the members of any partnership, or the principal officers of such corporation, shall each pay double the amount of such fine. Each day that a violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense. All fines collected for the violation of these regulations shall be paid over to the Town.

11.08 Revocations of Permits.

Omission or misstatement of any material fact by applicant or agent stated on the application or at any hearing, which would have warranted refusing the permit, shall be grounds for the Zoning Administrator or designee to revoke the permit at any time.

11.09 Appeals.

Appeals in the case of the issuance of a ticket under Section 11.07(A) above shall be governed by the provisions of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 29. The provisions of Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Chapter 117, shall govern all other appeals.

11.10 Records Maintenance

The Colchester Department of Planning and Zoning shall be responsible for the maintenance of the public records and documents associated with the administration and enforcement of these regulations per 1 V.S.A. Sections 310 to 320 including but not limited to:

- A. All Findings of Fact and Order including but not limited to Variances, Conditional Uses, Site Plans, Appeals of the Administrator's Decisions, Certificates of Appropriateness as rendered by the Development Review Board;
- B. Zoning Violations;
- C. All permits issued under these regulations;
- D. Elevation Certificates with as-built elevations (consistent with the datum of the elevation on the current Flood Insurance Rate Maps) of the lowest floor, including basement, of all new, substantially improved or flood proofed structures in the Flood Plain District;
- E. All flood proofing and other certifications required per Section 6.03 herein.

ARTICLE 12: DEFINITIONS

12.01 Construction of Language, Intent, and Usage

12.02 Specific Definitions

12.01 Construction of Language, Intent, and Usage

A. In the construction of these regulations, the following provisions and rules shall be applied, except when the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. Words used in the present tense shall include the future and words used in the future tense shall include the present.
2. Words in the singular number shall include the plural and words in the plural number shall include the singular number.
3. In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this Regulation and any caption, preamble or illustration, the text shall control.
4. The masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter.
5. "Built" includes "erected," "constructed," "reconstructed," "altered," "enlarged," or "moved."
6. "Existing" means the conditions existing on the effective date of these regulations.
7. "For example" shall be considered as introducing typical or illustrative, rather than an entirely exclusive or inclusive designation of, permitted or prohibited uses, activities, conditions, establishments or structures.
8. "Includes" shall not limit a term to the specified examples, but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances or circumstances of like kind or character.
9. "May" and "should" are permissive.
10. "Must" is mandatory and not optional or merely directory.
11. "Occupied" includes the words intended, designed or arranged to be used or occupied, employed for, constructed for, altered for, converted for, rented for, leased for, maintained for, utilized for, or occupied for.
12. "Original" means the conditions existing on the effective date of these regulations.
13. "Person" includes an individual, firm, association, corporation, partnership, trust, company or other organization, governmental body or agency, and any other legal entity.
14. "Premises" shall include land and structures thereon.
15. "Shall" is mandatory and not optional or merely directory.
16. "Such as" shall be considered as introducing typical or illustrative, rather than an entirely exclusive or inclusive designation of, permitted or prohibited uses, activities, conditions, establishments or structures.
17. "Town" is the Town of Colchester, Vermont.

18. "Used" includes the words intended, designed or arranged to be used or occupied, employed for, constructed for, altered for, converted for, rented for, leased for, maintained for, utilized for, or occupied for.

B. Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and," "or," or "either...or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:

1. "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply.
2. "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events may apply singly or in any combination.
3. "Either...or" indicates that the connected item, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply singly but not in combination.

C. References made to officials and official bodies shall mean officials and official bodies of the Town of Colchester, unless the natural construction of the wording indicates otherwise.

D. The word "regulation," "these regulations," "this ordinance," or "this bylaw" means the "Town of Colchester Zoning Regulations."

E. Any word or phrase which is defined in this section, or elsewhere in these regulations, shall have the meaning as so defined whenever the word or phrase is used in these regulations, unless such definition is expressly limited in its meaning or scope.

F. Any word or phrase that is not defined in this section, or elsewhere in these regulations, shall have its plain and commonly accepted meaning.

G. Definitions contained in Chapter 117, Vermont Statutes Annotated, shall be applicable throughout these regulations.

H. Definitions contained in the Town of Colchester Subdivision Regulations shall be applicable throughout these regulations unless a different definition is provided herein.

12.02 Specific Definitions

ACCESSORY APARTMENT: A residential apartment authorized by Title 24 VSA Section 4412(1) (E) constituting a second unit on a parcel having the external appearance of a single-family residence.

ACCESSORY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE: A structure, the use of which is incidental to the principal use of the premise.

ADDITION: An extension (enlargement) or increase in the area by extending on a side or by increasing in height the size of a building or structure.

ADJACENT: Either abutting or directly across the street.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT: An establishment (such as a nightclub, bar, restaurant, supper club, lounge, live or movie theater, cabaret, bookstore, or other) in which a person or persons appear in a state of nudity in the performance of their duties or material is available depicting person or persons in a state of nudity as defined herein.

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS: Accepted agricultural practices, including the construction of farm structures, as defined by the Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation under 10 V.S.A. Sections 1021(f) and 1259(f) and 6 V.S.A Section 4810. Agricultural Operations shall include necessary accessory uses such as packing, treating, and storing the produce. The operation of any such accessory use shall be secondary to that of the normal agricultural activity. Agricultural Operations shall exclude Sivicultural Operations (see definition herein)

ALLEY: Any dedicated public way affording a secondary means of vehicular access to abutting property, and not intended for general traffic circulation.

ALTERATION: Any change or rearrangement in the supporting members of an existing structure, such as bearing walls, columns, beams, girders, partition walls, or any enlargement to or diminution of a structure,. An alteration shall also be any change, rearrangement, or reconfiguration, of the roof or exterior walls. An alteration also shall be the moving of a building or structure from one location to another.

ANIMAL SHELTER: An establishment where animals are provided with shelter prior to placement with a new owner or prior to euthanasia, typically operated by a non-profit organization. Such establishment may allow sales or placement of the animals under care, and may conduct on-site euthanasia but shall not be allowed to permanently dispose of euthanized animals on-site. Such establishment may have an educational component as an accessory use. Outside amenities such as dog runs are customary with this use.

ARCHIVAL STORAGE: The indoor storage of records or documents in a particular order or filing system. Appointments are typically needed for retrieval.

ARTIST PRODUCTION STUDIO: An establishment for the application, teaching or performance of fine and /or visual arts such as, but not limited to, vocal or instrumental music, dance, or the creation of original handmade art or craft items. Accessory retail sales are customary. Artist production studio also includes graphic designers, desktop publishing, and recording studios but specifically excludes music halls, movie theaters, and theaters.

ATHLETIC FACILITY: An establishment for the conduct of sports and other recreational activities wholly within an enclosed building for the benefit of persons not residing on the lot on which the facility is located. Accessory uses or structures may include snack bars, locker rooms, and pro shops for the patrons of the primary use. Examples include but are not limited to public or private health clubs, tennis or other racquet courts, swimming pools, health or fitness centers, indoor play areas, training studios for group recreation activities such as martial arts, gymnastics, and dance, bowling alleys, shooting ranges, skating rinks, rock climbing walls, and billiard halls.

AUTOMOBILE: A car, truck, bus, plane, scooters, mopeds, motorcycle, or vehicle other than defined as equipment, marine or recreational vehicles herein. Wheelchairs and bicycles are not automobiles.

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE & REPAIR: An establishment offering automotive maintenance and repair services. All work is not customarily conducted outside a fully enclosed building.

AUTOMOTIVE BODY WORK: An establishment providing the painting, fiberglass work, undercoating of automobiles, spray-bed-liners, or collision service such as body, frame, or fender straightening for automobiles. All work is not customarily conducted outside a fully enclosed building.

AUTOMOBILE SALES: An establishment engaged in selling or leasing of two or more automobiles where automobiles may be stored or displayed outside a fully enclosed structure.

AUTOMOTIVE ACCESSORY SALES: An establishment engaged in selling accessories for automobiles such as tires, sunroofs, stereo equipment, and decorative add-ons. Installation of automotive accessories may include applying of decals but shall not include painting, fiberglass work, spray-on bed-liners or other bodywork. This use does not have outside storage or outside installation.

AWNING: A roof-like cover that projects from the wall of a building for the purpose of shielding a doorway or window from the elements. Construction of awnings shall be considered land development as defined herein.

BANK: A depository institution in which the majority of business conducted on-premise is related to walk-in customers (e.g., banks, credit unions, savings and loans). Walk-up automated teller machines may be provided within or outside the building. No drive-up facilities are allowed.

BANK, DRIVE-UP: A depository institution in which the majority of business conducted on-premise is related to walk-in or drive-up customers (e.g., banks, credit unions, savings and loans). Walk-up or drive-up automated teller machines may be provided within or outside the building. Drive-up facilities are customary.

BAR: An establishment for the sale or dispensing of alcohol by the drink for on-site consumption, where food may be available for consumption on the premises as accessory to the principal use, and where alcoholic beverages are available after 11:00 p.m. To differentiate a bar from a restaurant, bars are also classified as any establishment selling or dispensing alcohol after 11:00 p.m. A bar does not have live music, karaoke, dancing, recreational amenities, or entertainment (see night club).

BASE FLOOD: The flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE): The height of the base flood, usually in feet, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929, the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, or other datum referenced in the Flood Insurance Study report, or average depth of the base flood, usually in feet, above the ground surface.

BASEMENT: A story in a building, the structural ceiling level of which is four (4) feet or more above the average level of finished grade where such grade abuts that exterior wall of such building which fronts on any street, and the floor level of which is below finished grade at any point on the periphery of the building. (See diagram, Appendix B)

BASIC AMENITIES (for determining a seasonal dwelling unit) – Shall consist of a sewage system and water supply in full conformance with the Regulations for a year-round system, toilet, shower or bathtub, wall and ceiling insulation, year-round heating source, refrigerator and stove.

BED AND BREAKFAST: A dwelling unit, or portion thereof, with five or fewer guestrooms, where short-term lodging rooms and meals are provided for overnight guests. The operator of the bed and breakfast shall live on the premises. For the purposes of this definition, short-term shall mean up to one (1) week.

BEDROOM: Any room with a window and a closet, and which is physically separated from other rooms.

BERTH: A slip, mooring or space to accommodate a boat or vessel.

BOARDING HOUSE: An establishment, other than a hotel, inn, motel, tourist court or lodging house, where not more than two (2) rooms are let and where meals may be regularly served by pre-arrangement for compensations. A boarding house is not open to transient guests, in contrast to hotels, restaurants and tourist homes, which are open to transients. The facility shall be licensed and operated in accordance with applicable law.

BUILDING: A structure designed to be used as a place of occupancy, storage or shelter.

BUILDING AREA: The portion of a lot remaining after required yards have been provided.

BUILDING COVERAGE: The part or percent of the lot occupied by buildings or structures including accessory buildings.

BUILDING HEIGHT: The vertical distance of a building measured from the average preconstruction grade level at the base of the building to the highest point of the roof. (See Figure II in Appendix B: General Provisions Diagrams)

BUILDING LINE: A line formed by the face of a building. (See diagram, Appendix B)

BUILDING, PRINCIPAL: The primary building on a lot or the building that houses the principal use.

BUSINESS SERVICE: Establishments primarily engaged in rendering services to businesses on a fee or contract basis. Examples include but are not limited to advertising and mailing, building maintenance, employment service, management and consulting service, protective service, commercial research, photocopy facilities in which majority of business conducted on-premise is related to walk-in customers, and personal supply service.

BUS STATION: Establishments engaged primarily in furnishing local, statewide and interstate bus service, passenger service, charter service, and terminal. Roadside bus stops shall be excluded from this use. A bus station customarily has an associated structure with accessory retail.

CAMPGROUND: Any lot occupied for vacation or recreational purposes by more than three (3) automobile trailers, campers, recreational vehicles, tent sites or temporary cabins. A campground includes non-commercial (no charge, no service) and commercial operations. A mobile home used as a residence is considered to be a dwelling and this definition is not applicable.

CAMPGROUND, PRIMITIVE: Any lot occupied by more than three (3) tent sites (for a brief period) for vacation or recreational purposes. Bathhouses or outhouses are customary at a primitive campground whereas laundry facilities and retail uses are not customary. A primitive campground includes non-commercial (no charge, no service) and commercial operations.

CAR WASH: An establishment for washing automobiles, whether by automatic device or self-service.

CELLAR: Any space in a building, the structural ceiling level of which is less than four (4) feet above the average finished grade where such grade abuts that exterior wall of such building which fronts on any street. A cellar should not be considered in determining the permissible number of stories. (See diagram, Appendix B)

CEMETERY: A lot or establishment for the interring of the dead.

CIVIL DEFENSE OPERATION: A lot or establishment utilized by the Federal government for, or in conjunction with, defensive or offensive military operations. The military, as referred to herein, shall include all Federal branches of the military and the Coast Guard. Dormitories, warehouses, cafeterias, and outdoor storage are customary accessory uses.

COLISEUM: A structure designed to seat or accommodate more than 1,000 people for spectator sports, exhibitions, and cultural events.

COMMERCIAL GREENHOUSE (S): An establishment (retail and/or wholesale) comprised of enclosed glass or plastic structure(s) and sales outlet for the cultivation and sale of tender plants (such as flowers and vegetables). Commercial greenhouses with on-site sales shall have frontage along and primary access from a public road. Commercial greenhouse operations shall require a minimum lot size of five (5) acres.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE: A vehicle used for business purposes including but not limited to a vehicle which carries goods, equipment or passengers for hire. Vehicles, which display advertising (other than identification of the vehicle's manufacturer, make or dealer), shall be considered commercial vehicles.

COMMUNITY CENTER: A government owned establishment or lot used for recreational, social, educational, and cultural activities that is open, partially or fully, to the public, including senior centers and teen-centers, schools and cultural facilities.

COMMUNITY SEPTIC: For the purposes of determining density and minimum lot size per Table A-2 herein, a community septic system shall be defined as a septic system that is located on an undeveloped lot and that serves more than one dwelling unit.

CONDITIONAL USE: A use that is allowed in a particular district only after review and approval by the Development Review Board per 24 V.S.A. Sections 4414(3) and 4464 under Article Eight herein and subject to specific standards of the particular district.

CONGREGATE HOUSING: Detached or multi-family housing that provides facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons. Significant facilities and services may include, but are not limited to, social and recreational programs, continuing education, information and counseling, recreational, homemaker, outside maintenance and referral services, emergency and preventative health care programs, elderly dining facilities and transportation to social services. Such housing shall be in an accessible physical environment. At least 80 percent of all occupied units must be occupied by persons aged 55 or older (the 80% requirement applies to occupants, not owners); and no person under 19 years of age shall reside in any unit for more than ninety (90) days in any calendar year, except that in the event of a person(s) under 19 years of age who is (are) disabled and is (are) dependent upon the qualified occupant (at least 55 years old), said dependent person shall be permitted to reside in the unit on a permanent basis.

CONTRACTOR’S YARD: An establishment engaged in selling merchandise to retailers; to industrial, commercial, institutional, or professional business users; to other wholesalers; or where persons such as agents or brokers, buy merchandise for or sell merchandise to such individual, users, or companies. A contractor’s yard is typically a wholesale trade operation, but may also have retail trade or have some portion allocated to retail trade. Typical uses include lumber yards, mill work yards, and stone or masonry yards. Outside storage is customary. This is a use that customarily requires periphery screening.

CONTRACTOR’S YARD, LANDSCAPE: An establishment that is engaged in rendering landscaping services to individuals on a fee or contract basis and/or that sells landscape materials such as but not limited to mulch, fencing, and stone. A landscape contractor’s yard is typically a wholesale trade operation, but may also have retail trade or have some portion allocated to retail trade. Outside storage is customary. This is a use that customarily requires periphery screening.

CONVENIENCE STORE: A retail store designed and stocked primarily to sell food, beverages, and other groceries to customers containing less than 3,000 square feet of Floor Area, Gross. A convenience store may include gasoline sales as provided in Appendix Table A-1, the table of permissible uses herein.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: A place of confinement for persons held in the penal custody of a municipality, state, or federal entity. A correctional facility may also provide facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of persons convicted of criminal acts. Facilities that include treatment and rehabilitation services customarily include dormitories, recreational amenities, educational facilities, cultural amenities, manufacturing and processing, accessory office space, cafeterias, and clinics.

CREMATORIUM: An establishment where waste or human remains are burned in a furnace. All crematoriums shall follow State of Vermont protocol, licensing and all other applicable regulations.

CULTURAL FACILITY: An establishment that documents the social and religious structures and intellectual and artistic manifestations that characterize a society including libraries, museums, art galleries, and botanical and zoological gardens of a natural, historic, educational, or cultural interest. This use customarily includes associated educational and instructional activities and accessory retail space.

DAY CARE FACILITY, HOME-BASED: A state registered or licensed family child care home serving six (6) or fewer children as referenced in 24 V.S.A. Section 4412(5) as amended from time to time. A home-based day care facility shall be considered to constitute a permitted single-family residential use of the property.

DAY CARE FACILITY, INTERMEDIATE: A state registered or licensed family child care home serving no more than six (6) children full-time and four part-time children as

referenced in 24 V.S.A. Section 4412(5) as amended from time to time. An intermediate day care facility shall be subject to site plan approval.

DAY CARE FACILITY, LARGE: An establishment operated as a business or service on a regular or continual basis, whether for compensation or not, to provide care, protection, supervision and/or education for children under the age of 16 outside their homes for periods of fewer than 24 hours a day by a person other than a child's own parent, guardian or relative. A day care facility that is not registered or licensed by the state or serves seven (7) or more children full-time or more than ten (10) children combined shall constitute a large day care facility. A large day care facility excludes home-based and intermediate day care facilities. This definition encompasses facilities generally known as child care center, day care center, pre-school, nursery school, and similar programs and facilities for infants and children, but does not include schools as defined herein. All centers shall be licensed and operated in accordance with applicable law.

DEVELOPMENT: Any human-made change to improved or unimproved real estate including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials and all other activities as defined in 44 CFR 59.1 and in the definition of Land Development as defined herein. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB): An appropriate municipal panel as authorized under the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, Title 24 V.S.A. Section 4460.

DOCK: A wharf, pier, or other structure that allows passage from the shore, whether floating or not, including all “els”, “T”s or posts which may be a part thereof whether fixed or adjacent to the principal dock structure.

DISTRIBUTION FACILITY: An establishment engaged in the receipt, storage, and distribution of goods, products, cargo, and materials, including transshipment by boat, rail, air, or motor vehicle. A distribution facility may include a truck terminal but shall not include truck repair.

DISTRICT: A part, zone, or geographic area within the municipality within which certain zoning or development regulations apply. These districts shall include and be limited to those listed in Section 2.01 herein.

DORMITORY: A residential building used as group living quarters for a school, orphanage, convent, monastery or other similar institutional use listed under **Section Five** of the Table of Uses herein. A dormitory shall not exceed 14,000 gross square footage in size.

DRIVE-UP: An establishment which by design, physical facilities, service, or packaging procedures encourages or permits customers to receive services or goods while remaining in their vehicles. The drive-up use may be the principal or accessory use on a lot.

DRYCLEANER: See Laundromat.

DWELLING, DUPLEX: A detached building containing two (2) dwelling units, designed for occupancy by not more than two (2) families.

DWELLING, MOBILE HOME: A detached dwelling unit designed for transportation on streets or highways, on its own wheels or on flatbed or other trailers, and arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on jacks or other temporary or permanent foundations, connections to utilities and the like. A mobile home is designed for long-term occupancy and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath, and kitchen facilities with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems. A travel trailer is not considered as a mobile home.

DWELLING, MODULAR: A dwelling unit constructed in accordance with the codes and standards set forth in Chapter Four of the Colchester Code of Ordinances for site built homes, and composed of components substantially assembled in a manufacturing plant and transported to the building site for final assembly on a permanent foundation. This definition shall include manufactured homes.

DWELLING, MULTI-FAMILY: A building, designed for or occupied by three (3) or more families, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided.

DWELLING, SEASONAL: A dwelling unit that is not approved for year round occupancy or that lacks one or more of the basic amenities or utilities required for year-round occupancy. A summer seasonal dwelling is occupied from ~~May~~ **April** 1st through ~~October 31st~~ **September 30th**. A winter seasonal dwelling is occupied from ~~October~~ **November** 1st through ~~March 31st~~ **April 30th**.

DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY: A detached dwelling unit designed for and occupied by one (1) family.

DWELLING, TEMPORARY EMERGENCY, CONSTRUCTION, OR REPAIR: A residence (which may be a mobile home) that is: (i) located on the same lot as a residence made uninhabitable by fire, flood or other natural disaster and occupied by the persons displaced by such disaster, or (ii) located on the same lot as a residence that is under construction or undergoing substantial repairs or reconstruction and occupied by the persons intending to live in such permanent residence when the work is completed, or (iii) persons having construction or security responsibilities over such construction site.

DWELLING UNIT: One or more rooms, designed, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, with cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities provided within the dwelling unit for the exclusive use of a single household.

DWELLING, YEAR-ROUND: A dwelling unit continuously occupied from January 1st through December 31st.

EQUIPMENT, LARGE: Construction equipment including cranes, bucket-loaders, bulldozers, agricultural equipment, recreational vehicles and other equipment intended to be operated under its own power. Large equipment excludes automobiles and marine vehicles.

EQUIPMENT, SMALL: Lawnmowers, utility trailers, hand tools, all terrain vehicles, golf carts, snowmobiles, lawn maintenance machines, snow maintenance machines, audio-visual equipment, and other similar equipment. Small equipment excludes automobiles and marine vehicles and associated accessories.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY: The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance of structures, generating or processing plants, gas plants, bus stops, transportation infrastructure, water tanks, gas lines, distribution systems, including poles, wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduit cables, fire alarm boxes, pumping stations, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, street signs, and other similar equipment and accessories in connection therewith, reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate services by such public utilities or local, state, or federal governmental agencies or for the public health or safety or general welfare intended to service more than 25% of Colchester's population or acreage or a population or acreage outside of the Town of Colchester.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD: The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance of structures, generating or processing plants, bus stops, transportation infrastructure, distribution systems, including poles, wires, mains, drains, gas lines, sewers, pumping stations, pipes, conduit cables, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, street signs, and other similar equipment and accessories in connection therewith, reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate services by such public utilities or local, state, or federal governmental agencies or for the public health or safety or general welfare of a specific location.

ESTABLISHMENT: A business, firm, club, institution, or residence, including its members, occupants, possessions, or employees.

EXCAVATION: Any breaking of ground, except common household gardening and ground care.

EXISTING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION: A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed

(including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the initial floodplain management regulations adopted by Colchester. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein. This definition shall also include Mobile Home Park as defined herein.

EXPANSION TO AN EXISTING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION: The preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads). This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein. This definition shall also include Land Development as defined herein.

EXTENSION: An increase in the amount of floor area or in the amount of building coverage or lot coverage.

FAMILY: See household.

FCC: Federal Communications Commission. The federal government agency responsible for regulating telecommunications in the United States.

FENCE: Any enclosing structure, other than part of a building, of sufficient strength and dimensions to prevent straying from within or intrusion from without, except enclosures of tennis courts.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: An establishment in which financial, pecuniary, fiscal, or monetary services are made available to the public, including but not limited to non-depository institutions (e.g., credit agencies, loan brokers), holding companies (but not predominantly operating companies), depository institutions where the majority of business conducted on-premise is not related to walk-in or drive-up customers (e.g., banks, credit unions, savings and loans), other investment companies, brokers and dealers in securities and commodities contracts, and security and commodity exchanges.

FIREWOOD OPERATION: The processing or storage of firewood for sale. Such wood is customarily split and stacked or bundled. Structures are not customary. Walk-in customers and delivery service are customary.

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM): An official map of a community, on which the Federal Insurance Administrator has delineated both the special hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY: An examination, evaluation and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and /or flood related erosion hazards.

FLOOD PLAIN: That land which would be subject to flooding by the 100 year flood or that flood which would have a 1% chance of occurring each year – Zone A on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map.

FLOOD PROOFING: Any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

FLOODWAY: The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot at any point.

FLOODWAY, REGULATORY IN THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER: See Floodway.

FLOOR AREA, GROSS: The gross area of all floors of all principal and accessory buildings on a lot, measured from the exterior face of the exterior walls, or in the case of a common wall separating two buildings, from the center line of such common walls. Gross floor area shall include such features as porches, balconies, breezeways, walkways, and raised platforms, if each is enclosed.

FRONTAGE: That boundary of a lot which abuts on a public street or way. The Interstate and Circumferential Highway rights-of-way and public waters shall not be considered frontage.

FUNERAL HOME: An establishment for the preparation of the deceased for burial and the display of the deceased and rituals connected therewith before burial or cremation.

GARAGE, AUTOMOBILE PARKING: This use may be a structured parking garage or a parking lot that is publicly or privately operated. Parking shall be open to the general public for parking with or without an associated fee. Parking may not necessarily be located on a lot on which there is another principal use to which the parking is related.

GARAGE, PRIVATE: An accessory structure for parking or storage of not more than that number of vehicles as may be required in connection with the permitted use of the principal building or structure.

GARAGE, PUBLIC: A structure owned or operated by a local or state government used primarily for the parking, storing, and servicing of vehicles. Vehicle servicing within a fully enclosed building and gasoline storage and dispensing are customary. Storage of sand, salt, and materials employed in municipal or state maintenance of infrastructure and municipal services is customary.

GASOLINE SALES: An establishment engaged in selling or dispensing motor fuels directly to users of motor vehicles. This use does not customarily have outside storage.

GROOMING FACILITY: An establishment in which more than four (4) dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals are groomed, washed, or otherwise cleaned for a fee or compensation a day.

HALFWAY HOUSE: An establishment intended to provide for transitional group living arrangements for persons discharged from hospitals, prison mental institutions or other similar facilities, or in lieu of hospitalization or imprisonment, characterized by the presence of live-in staff, emphasizing the development of skills necessary for more independent living and shall be licensed and operated in accordance with applicable law. Halfway homes shall have a clearly stated maximum occupancy.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Any substance or combination of substances of a solid, liquid, gaseous or semi-solid from which may be explosive, flammable, toxic, acidic, corrosive, caustic, pathogenic or radioactive and are present in sufficient quantity or combination thereof or are being handled, stored, manufactured, processed, transported or disposed of in such a manner that it can be reasonably assumed such conditions constitute a peril to buildings, structures, or the general public.

HIGHWAY, ARTERIAL: Major thoroughfares that carry traffic between communities; to include Routes 2A, 2, 7, 15 and I-89, Circumferential Highway (Vermont Route 289).

HIGHWAY, COLLECTOR: Roads or streets that carry the major internal traffic of the community and which link trip origin and arterial highways. These highways include all those listed in Section 2.05 herein.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE: Any structure that is: (a) listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of the Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register; (b) certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; (c) individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or (d) individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either: (i) by an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or (ii) directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

HOME BUSINESS: An occupation carried on within a dwelling unit which is incidental and secondary to the primary use of the building for dwelling purposes which does not change the character of the neighborhood, in which it may employ up to three (3) on-premises employees who are not residents of the dwelling. At least one person involved in the business shall be a resident of the dwelling. Automotive repair and automotive accessory installation shall not be considered home business uses.

HOME OCCUPATION: An occupation carried on within a dwelling unit which is incidental and secondary to the primary use of the building for dwelling purposes, is not visible or noticeable in any manner or form from outside the walls of the dwellings, and which does not change the character thereof which it may employ up to two (2) on-premises employees who are not residents of the dwelling. At least one person involved in the business shall be a resident of the dwelling. Automotive repair and automotive accessory installation are not home occupations.

HOSPITAL: A licensed institution providing primary health care services and medical or surgical care to persons, primarily inpatients, suffering from illness, disease, injury, deformity, and other physical or mental conditions requiring medical treatment, and including as an integral part of the institution related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient facilities, and training facilities. Hospitals customarily include the retail sale of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies as an accessory use.

HOTEL: An establishment in which (a) living or sleeping accommodations are primarily for transient occupancy on a daily basis for compensation available to the general public, and (b) one or more common entrances serve all such living or sleeping units. Hotel services may include twenty-four hour desk service, housekeeping, telephone, or bellhop service, or the furnishing or laundering of linens. Permitted accessory uses include restaurants or other public dining facility, bars or lounges, public banquet halls, ballrooms, meeting rooms, pools, recreational facilities customary to such use.

HOTEL, EXTENDED STAY: A residential hotel containing small furnished apartment type units rented on a short term basis usually each with a kitchen, bath, living space and separate bedroom/sleeping space. Hotel services may include a common area, business support facilities, guest only breakfast facilities, lobby, or recreation space and amenities. Hotel services shall exclude public restaurant(s), cocktail lounge(s), or banquet meeting rooms containing more than fifty (50) seats. No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the units shall contain more than one bedroom. Units must be available on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and shall not be rented to the same occupant for more than one hundred eighty (180) days in any three hundred sixty-five (365) day period.

HOUSEHOLD: A group of individuals not necessarily related by blood, marriage, adoption, or guardianship living together in a dwelling unit as a single housekeeping unit under a common housekeeping management plan based on an intentionally structured relationship providing organization and stability. A household has common access to and use of all living and eating areas and all areas and facilities for the preparation and serving of food within the dwelling unit.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: A surface that has been compacted or covered with a layer of materials so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water. It includes surfaces such as compacted sand, lime rock, gravel, or clay, as well as most conventionally surfaced streets, roofs, sidewalks, parking lots, and other similar structures.

INN: An establishment containing no more than 60 rooms of which no more than 40% of the rooms may contain small furnished apartment type units rented on a short term basis usually each with a kitchen, bath, living space and separate bedroom. Units must be available on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and shall not be rented to the same occupant for more than one hundred eighty (180) days in any three hundred sixty-five (365) day period. Inn services may include twenty-four hour desk service, housekeeping, telephone, or bellhop service, or the furnishing or laundering of linens. Permitted accessory uses include restaurants or other public dining facility, bars or lounges, meeting rooms, pools, and recreational facilities customary to such use.

JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE: A discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, inoperable, unregistered, or ruined automobile, equipment, marine vehicle, or recreational vehicle or parts thereof.

KENNEL: An establishment used for the breeding, training, sale, or boarding of more than four (4) dogs, cats, or other small domestic animals belonging to a person or persons other than the owner of the lot. Kennel use includes pet daycare but does not include a veterinary clinic or animal shelter or sale of general merchandise. Kennels customarily have outside amenities such as dog runs. A kennel shall follow State of Vermont protocol, licensing and all other applicable regulations.

LAND DEVELOPMENT: The division of a lot into two or more lots, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any building or other structure; any of any mining, excavation, or landfill, and any change in the use of any building or structure, or land, or extension of the use of land. This includes the definition of Development herein.

LANDFILL, RECLAMATION: A lot previously used for disposal and depositing of refuse and earth or other suitable cover material. The lot may be adapted for alternative uses in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, or Municipal rules and regulations.

LANDFILL, SANITARY: A lot for solid waste disposal in which the solid waste is spread in thin layers, compacted to reduce its volume, and covered with earth at the end of each working day. The site shall be operated in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, or Municipal rules and regulations.

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR'S YARD: See CONTRACTOR'S YARD,
LANDSCAPE

LAUNDROMAT: An establishment providing washing, drying, or dry-cleaning machines for the cleaning of clothing, linens, or fabric on the premises.

LIGHTING FIXTURE: A lighting fixture is an assemblage of ballast, lamp receptacles, wiring, reflectors, refractors, prisms, lenses, etc, all contained within a single housing or casing, and designed to be mounted as a single unit. A fixture may be designed to accept one or more lamps. One or more fixtures may be mounted to a single support.

LOT: The plot, piece, parcel of land or assemblage of recorded contiguous parcels of land, the latter all in common ownership and designated as a single parcel, established and recorded by plat, subdivision, or otherwise permitted by law of a size sufficiently large to lawfully construct a principal building or a group of such buildings and accessory buildings, or of a size sufficiently large to lawfully be utilized for a principal use and uses accessory or incidental to the operation thereof, together with such open spaces as required by these regulations herein. Lot boundaries are (A) established by a deed or deeds recorded in the land records of the Town of Colchester; or (B) shown on a plat approved by the Colchester Development Review Board pursuant to Colchester Subdivision Regulations, provided such approval has not expired. The definition of the term “lot” shall not include any portion of a dedicated right-of-way or areas of land appended to a lot by leasehold, license, or otherwise, except by boundary line adjustments approved by the Town.

LOT AREA: A total horizontal area within the lot lines of a lot.

LOT, CORNER: A lot located at the intersection of two or more streets or abutting a curved street in such a way that the front building line meets either side lot line at interior angle of less than 135 degrees. The point of intersection of the street lot lines is the corner. A corner lot shall be deemed to have two front yards and two side yards and no rear yard.

LOT COVERAGE: The part or percent of the lot occupied by buildings or structures, including accessory buildings, structures, driveway, vehicle travel lanes, sidewalks, designated storage areas including storage areas for boats, trailers, other vehicles and off-street parking areas, and all impervious areas.

LOT DEPTH: The distance measured from the front lot line to the rear lot line. Where the front and rear lot lines are not parallel, the lot depth shall be measured by drawing lines from the front to rear lot lines at right angles to the front lot line, every ten feet and averaging the length of these lines.

Lot Lines: The lines bounding a lot as defined herein.

Front Lot Line: The line separating said lot from the street, public road, public way or required setback of the Shoreland District.

Rear Lot Line: The lot line opposite the front lot line. In the case of a lot pointed at the rear, the rear lot line shall be an imaginary line parallel to the front lot line not less than ten (10) ft. long lying farthest from the front line and wholly within the lot.

Side Lot Line: Any lot lines other than the front lot lines or rear lot lines.

LOT, INTERIOR: Any lot other than a corner lot with frontage only on one street, public road, or public way.

LOT OF RECORD: A parcel of land, the dimensions of which are shown on a duly recorded plat on file with the Town Clerk.

LOWEST FLOOR: The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area, including basement. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; Provided, that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of 44 CFR 60.3.

LUMBER YARD: See contractor's yard.

MANUFACTURED HOME: A structure transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein. This definition does not include Recreational Vehicle as herein defined. This definition shall also include Dwelling, Mobile Home; and Dwelling, Modular.

MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION: A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein. This definition shall also include Mobile Home Park as defined herein.

MANUFACTURING: Establishments engaged in the mechanical or chemical transformation of materials or substances into new products including the assembling of component parts, the manufacture of products, and the blending of materials. Storage inside a fully enclosed building and shipment processes related to the manufacturing use are customary.

MARINA: Any shoreline property used to provide one (1) or more of the following:

- a) Access to public waters for docking or mooring of five (5) or more boats with or without other services; or,
- b) A small-craft harbor complex providing access to public water characterized by such activities as boat manufacture, construction or repairs, sales, rentals, chartering, derricks, docks, wharves, moorings, marine railways, boat storage and other marine-type facilities and commercial services which may include the sale of food or other services clearly incidental to the operation of the marine based activities.

A Marina shall require 150 feet of shoreline frontage. Any Marina that accommodates boats with sleeping facilities shall also provide for on-shore based facilities for pumping and / or disposal of wastes. A Marina shall not create a hazard to navigation or interfere with or prevent use of adjacent shoreland property or its access to and from the water. A Marina shall be compatible with adjacent land uses and shall not be a source of nuisance by reason of noise or fumes.

MARINE ASSOCIATION, RESIDENTIAL: Any commonly held shoreline property which is a common element of or an appurtenance to a residential development on the same or adjacent property that:

- (a) provides access to public water for docking or mooring of five (5) or more boats; and
- (b) is strictly limited to use by the owner of residences in the associated residential development and the immediate family of the owners according to and limited by recorded covenants in the land records; and
- (c) which does not provide or allow such services incidental to the operation of commercial marinas as characterized by such activities as boat manufacture, construction or repairs, sales, rentals, chartering, derricks, marine railways, and other marine-type facilities and commercial services which may include the sale of food or other services clearly incidental to the operation of the marine based activities.

A Residential Marine Association shall require 150 feet of shoreline frontage plus and additional 30 for every boat beyond the fifth boat belonging to the association. Any association that accommodates boats with sleeping facilities shall also provide for on or off-shore based facilities for pumping and / or disposal of wastes. A Residential Marine Association shall not create a hazard to navigation or interfere with or prevent use of adjacent shoreland property or its access to and from the water. A Residential Marine Association shall be compatible with adjacent land uses and shall not be a source of nuisance by reason of noise or fumes.

MARINE SALES: An establishment engaged in selling, renting or leasing of boats and watercraft. Boats and watercraft may be stored on the site that is for sale, rent, or lease. This use customarily has outside storage but does not include the winter storage of boats and watercraft that are not for sale, rent, or lease. This use includes accessory retail sales of marine equipment.

MEAN WATERMARK: The terms “mean water mark”, “mean water level”, and “normal mean water mark” is considered to be one and the same. For Lake Champlain the mean watermark has been established as 95.5 ft above mean sea level. For Colchester Pond the mean watermark has been established as the elevation of the spillway for a mean water level of 383.0 ft. above mean sea level. For the Winooski River and Lamoille River the mean water mark shall be as determined by the property owner and the Town Zoning Administrator based on data published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers “Flood Plain Information”.

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY: An establishment that has the primary focus of providing licensed, skilled, full-time care and related services for patients with mental health problems. The facility may provide extended and/or intermediate care for those who by reason of mental condition need acute, chronic, or convalescent care. Patients include both at will and not at will admissions.

MINI-STORAGE: A structure containing separate, individual, and private storage spaces of varying sizes leased or rented on individual leases for varying periods of time. Mini-Storage shall not include outside storage or archival storage. Only the storage of goods, materials, and merchandise is allowed within mini-storage structures. Perimeter fencing is customary.

MINING OPERATIONS: The excavation or extraction of sand, gravel, clay, slate, marble, granite, other stone material or rock, or any other earth product for commercial purposes. Mining operations shall include borrow pits and quarrying operations. On-site sales are customary. Structures are not customary.

MOBILE HOME PARK: A lot upon which two (2) or more mobile homes are parked and occupied for living purposes. All mobile home parks shall be reviewed as Planned Residential Developments as per Article Nine. All mobile home parks shall also be reviewed, evaluated, and subject to the requirements of Title 10 of Vermont State Statutes, Chapter 15 entitle "Mobile Home Parks" as modified from time to time.

MOBILE HOME SALES: An establishment engaged in selling, renting or leasing of mobile homes. Mobile homes may be stored on the site without fixed foundations. Mobile homes stored on site shall not be occupied. Mobile homes sales include accessory office space and customarily includes outside storage.

MOTEL: An establishment which (A) contains six or more rooms containing living and sleeping accommodations used primarily for transient occupancy to the general public on a daily basis for compensation, with the exception of the manager's or caretaker's unit, and (B) has convenient access to parking spaces for the use of the unit's occupants by way of separate entrances or groups of separate entrances, outside the main building, into the individual units.

MOVIE THEATER: An establishment that shows picture films to the general public.

NATIONAL GUARD CENTER: An establishment or lot utilized by the State government for, or in conjunction with, defensive or offensive military operations. The military, as referred to herein, shall include all branches of the National Guard and all branches of the Federal military reserves. Dormitories, warehouses, cafeterias, or outdoor storage are customary accessory uses.

NEW CONSTRUCTION: structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the floodplain management regulation adopted by the Town and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein.

NEW MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR NEW MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION: A manufactured home park or manufactured home subdivision for which the construction is completed after the effective date of the floodplain management regulations as herein adopted in Section 6.03. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein. This definition shall also include Land Development as defined herein.

NIGHT CLUB: A bar or restaurant with live music, karaoke, dancing, recreational amenities, or entertainment.

NONCONFORMING LOT: A lot or parcel that does not conform to the present bylaws covering dimensional requirements but were in conformance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations prior to the enactment of the present bylaws; including a lot or parcel improperly authorized as a result of error by the Zoning Administrator.

NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE: A structure or a part of a structure that does not conform to the present bylaws but was in conformance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations prior to the enactment of the present bylaws; including a structure improperly authorized as a result of error by the administrative officer.

NONCONFORMING USE: A use of land that does not conform to the present bylaws but did conform to all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations prior to the enactment of the present bylaws; including a use improperly authorized as a result of error by the Zoning Administrator.

NUDITY: Full or partial revelation of a person's breast or genitals. Partial revelation shall be as so as to be distinguishable to the eye.

NURSING CARE HOME: An establishment providing skilled nursing care and medical supervision at a lower level than that available in a hospital to not more than five persons.

NURSING CARE INSTITUTION: An establishment that provides licensed, skilled, full-time nursing care and related services for patients who require medical, nursing, and/or rehabilitative services. The institution shall provide extended and/or intermediate care for those who by reason of advanced age, illness, infirmity, or mental impairments need acute, chronic, or convalescent care. Such institution shall also be known as a nursing home, convalescent facility, or long-term care facility.

OFFICIAL MAP: The legally adopted Official Map of the Town of Colchester pursuant to section 4421 Title 24 VSA Chapter 117, as amended.

OFFICE, GENERAL: An establishment for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry, or government, or like activity, that may include ancillary services for employees and visitors such as a restaurant or coffee shop, and newspaper/candy stand as permitted by these Regulations. This may also be known as a professional building. Building occupancy may be limited to one tenant or more tenants and/or the building's owner.

OFFICE, MEDICAL: An establishment where human patients are examined and treated by doctors, dentists or other medical professionals but not hospitalized overnight. Medical office may include as an ancillary use the assembly, fitting, testing and sale of products directly related to the medical service provided in the same establishment.

OFFICE, MEDICAL CLINIC: An ambulatory care facility where human patients are examined and treated customarily on a walk-in, out-patient basis, but where no overnight hospitalization is provided.

OPEN SPACE: Any area of land or water essentially unimproved and set aside, dedicated, designated, or reserved for public or private use or enjoyment or for the use and enjoyment of owners, occupants, and their guests of land adjoining or neighboring such open space. Open space includes passive recreational uses, habitat preservation, scenic vista or landscape protection.

ORPHANAGE: An establishment licensed by the State of Vermont to serve as an orphanage for children or young adults.

PERSONAL SERVICES: An establishment providing services involving the care of a person or his or her apparel, such as barber, hairdresser, beauty or nail salon, shoe shine or repair, day spa, photographic studio, or seamstress. Personal service shall not include establishments providing tattoo, body piercing services or medical.

PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: A planned unit development exclusively for residential use.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: An area of land controlled by one or more landowners to be developed as a single entity, the plan for which may propose any combination of density or intensity increases, or the mixing of land uses, and which need not correspond to bylaw requirements that are otherwise applicable to the area in which it is located with respect to lot size, bulk, or type of dwelling or building, use, density, intensity, lot coverage, parking, required common open space, or other standards.

POST OFFICE: An establishment providing the services of the United States Postal Service to the general public through retail services. A post-office as defined herein shall exclude distribution facilities and similar facilities that do not primarily serve walk-in customers through retail services.

PRINTING SHOP: An establishment rendering the services of photocopying, reproduction, or binding of printed materials to business services on a fee or contract basis in which the majority of business conducted on-premise is not related to walk-in customers. Accessory retail for walk-in customers is not customary.

PRIVATE ROAD: Any road which is not a duly accepted public road.

PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS: Any recognized professional licenses by the State of Vermont, including but not limited to doctor, dentist, lawyer, engineer, certified public accountant, real estate appraiser, architect, chiropractor and similar professions excluding veterinarians and personal services such as barbers, hairdressers and the like.

PUBLIC UTILITY: Any person, entity, firm or corporation, municipal department, board or commission, duly authorized to furnish and furnishing under Federal, State or Municipal Regulations to the public, gas, steam, electricity, sewage disposal, communications, telegraph, or water.

PUBLIC WATER: Lake Champlain, Lamoille River, Winooski River and Colchester Pond.

RACE TRACK: A course for racing machines including but not limited to automobiles and motorcycles.

RECREATIONAL FACILITY, PRIVATE: A privately owned establishment for the conduct of sports and leisure-activities primarily outside enclosed buildings including but not limited to golf courses and associated club houses, country clubs, paint-ball, tennis courts, basketball courts, skating rinks, and other similar uses for fee or through membership. This use excludes marinas, horseback riding stables and arenas, racetracks, outdoor markets, drive-in theaters, and recreational facilities constructed as a requirement of planned residential developments.

RECREATIONAL FACILITY, PUBLIC: A lot or establishment owned by a municipality, state or federal government designed and equipped for the conduct of sports and leisure-activities primarily outside enclosed buildings either for free or for fee. This facility includes golf courses and associated club houses, country clubs, paint-ball, tennis courts, basketball courts, skating rinks, and other similar uses. This use excludes marinas, horseback riding stables and arenas, racetracks, outdoor markets, and drive-in theaters. This use excludes recreational facilities constructed as a requirement of planned residential developments or a school.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: A vehicle without permanent foundation, which can be towed, hauled or driven and primarily designed as temporary living accommodation for recreational, camping and travel use and including but not limited to travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers and self-propelled motor homes. This definition shall include all such recreational vehicles as defined by 44 CFR 59.1.

RELIGIOUS USE: An establishment where worship services, ceremonies, rituals, and education activities related to a particular system of beliefs are held. A religious building may have an associated residence and accessory office space. This use does not include school uses.

RENTAL FACILITY: An establishment engaged in renting or leasing of merchandise stored on the premise. General merchandise rental is customarily the rental of retail goods such as videos, DVDs, furniture, and sporting equipment. General merchandise rental customarily does not have outside storage. Equipment rental is the rental of small and large equipment where outside storage is customary. Automotive rental is the rental of automobiles where outside storage is customary.

RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME: An establishment operated under state licensing or registration, serving not more than eight (8) persons who have a handicap or disability as defined in 9 V.S.A Section 4501. A residential care home shall not be located within 1,000 feet of another residential care home. This establishment is typically located in a single-family dwelling, which provides for profit or otherwise, room, board and personal care (exclusive of nursing care) residents unrelated to the principal resident (operator) of the premises.

RESIDUAL LAND: A lot or lots, or portion(s) thereof that is not designated for development, but that contributes to the total land area used for the purpose of meeting the density requirements of a particular Zoning District.

RESTAURANT, SHORT-ORDER: An establishment offering the sale of a limited line of specialized, pre-prepared or rapidly prepared foods or beverages directly to the customer in a ready-to consume form and whose operation is characterized by (A) service of food or beverage principally in containers or in paper, plastic or other disposable containers or wrappers, (B) availability of food or beverages for consumption immediately or within a brief period after ordering, or (C) insufficient seating facilities within the restaurant building for the total volume of food sold. Short-order restaurants may also include catering, food delivery services and shall include bakeries and delicatessens. Short-order restaurants customarily have carry-out and delivery service. This establishment may sell alcohol by the drink for consumption on-premise until 11PM (see Bar).

RESTAURANT, STANDARD: An establishment offering the sale of foods or beverages for consumption within the restaurant building and whose operation is characterized by service by a restaurant employee at the same table or counter at which food or beverage is to be consumed. Standard restaurants shall have no substantial carry-out, no substantial delivery service, and no drive-up service. This establishment may sell alcohol by the drink for consumption on-premise until 11PM (see Bar).

RESTORATION: The replication or reconstruction of a structure's original architectural features.

RETAIL SALES: An establishment engaged in selling goods or merchandise to the general public at retail and rendering services incidental to the sale of such goods. Typically such an establishment (A) is a place of business and is engaged in activity to attract the general public to buy, (B) buys and receives as well as sells merchandise, (C) may process or manufacture some of the products for sale, such as a jeweler or baker, but such production or manufacture is incidental and subordinate to the selling activities, and (D) sells to customers for their own personal, household, or business use. Such an establishment may have a retail food establishment as an accessory use located entirely within the principal structure and with no dedicated exterior entrance of its own.

RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT: An establishment which by design of physical facilities or by service and packaging procedures permits or encourages the purchase of prepared foods intended primarily to be prepared and consumed off the premises. A short-order restaurant with up to eight (8) seats may be an accessory use.

ROAD-SIDE STAND: A retail establishment accessory to an agricultural or horticultural operation for the sale of produce grown on the premise.

SALVAGE YARDS: An open area where waste, used or secondhand materials are bought and sold, exchanged, stored, baled, packed, disassembled or handled, including but not limited to, scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber tires and bottles. A "Salvage Yard" includes automobile wrecking yards and includes any area of more than 200-sq. ft. for storage, keeping or abandonment of junk, but does not include uses established entirely within enclosed buildings. Salvage yards include junkyards and automobile graveyards. This is a use that customarily requires periphery screening.

SEASONAL MOBILE FOOD UNIT: A short-order restaurant establishment that is open for business between April 1st and October 31st. Food is customarily consumed off premise. Outdoor seating, when permitted in accordance with the regulations herein, may consist of benches and chairs that are not permanently affixed to the ground. Seasonal mobile food units are customarily operated between 10AM and 9PM and are removed from the premise when not in operation. Restrooms are not customarily provided in conjunction with the seasonal mobile food unit use. All accessory items, such as dumpsters, are customarily removed from the premise when the unit is not in operation.

SEMI-CUTOFF FIXTURE: An exterior light fixtures with an intensity at 80 degrees from nadir that does not exceed 200 candela per 1000 lamp lumens, nor at 90 degrees from nadir does intensity exceed 50 candela per 1000 lamp lumens.

SETBACK: The distance required to meet the front, side or rear yard open space provisions of this Regulation.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, CROSS-DISTRICT: A sewage disposal system located in a zoning district, which serves a use, located in a different zoning district.

SCHOOL, COLLEGE: An establishment for college or university education or instruction in a branch of knowledge. The school may be public, private, or parochial. A college is a school that meets the state standards and requirements for colleges and universities. A college customarily has dormitories and associated athletic fields.

SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY: An establishment for elementary or secondary education or instruction in a branch of knowledge. The school may be public, private, or parochial. Elementary schools are any schools that meet state standards and requirements for elementary education. Secondary schools are any schools that meet

state standards and requirements for secondary education. Such use shall not include vocational or trade school; these are termed trade schools.

SCHOOL, TRADE: An establishment primarily engaged in providing instruction however excluding colleges, primary and secondary schools. Such instruction may be in any branch of knowledge and may include business schools, trade schools, vocational schools, drivers' education, and schools of dance, gymnastics, martial arts, and similar pursuits.

SHOPPING CENTER: A lot or lots containing a group of two (2) or more general merchandise, retail establishments, standard restaurant, short-order restaurant no drive-up, a retail food establishment, general office, or general services uses of any size having a unified design of buildings, coordinated parking and service areas, and development plan in accordance with the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located, and where customer and employee parking are provided on-site. The shopping center shall be planned, constructed, and developed and/or managed as a unified entity.

SHORELAND: A strip of land around Lake Champlain and Colchester Pond and adjacent to the Winooski and Lamoille Rivers extending inland to a line 500 ft. from and running parallel to the normal mean water mark herein called the shoreline.

SHORELINE: The line marked as the line by the mean water level with those lands adjacent to Lake Champlain, Colchester Pond, and the Winooski and Lamoille Rivers. Measurements required to be made from the shoreline shall be made from the mean watermark.

SIGN: A sign as defined in the Colchester Sign Ordinance, as amended from time to time.

SILVICULTURAL OPERATIONS: The development and/or maintenance of a forest or wooded preserve, including the harvesting of trees. This definition is for the harvesting of more than 100 trees and/or effecting more than one (1) acre in any one (1) year period.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE: An establishment where animals are butchered.

SOCIAL CLUB: An establishment for the gathering or meeting of a group of people organized for a common purpose to pursue common goals, interests, or activities, usually for social, recreational, or educational purposes. Such association or organization is usually characterized by certain formal membership qualifications, payment of fees or dues, regular meetings, and a constitution and /or by-laws. Such associations or organizations may also be known as clubs, civic, social, fraternal organizations, trade associations, professional organizations, unions, political organizations, and religious organizations, and may include such groups as local civic clubs and associations or local chapters of national associations, and fraternal organizations. The building or facility may have accessory uses such as recreational facilities or banquet facilities but not including the sale of goods and services to the public on the premises on a regular basis or

commercial outdoor recreational or entertainment activities. Associations or organizations shall not include establishments operated for pecuniary gain, such as tennis or health clubs.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA: The land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated a Zone A on the Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM). After detailed ratemaking has been completed in preparation for publication of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Zone A usually is refined into Zones A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE, A99, AR, AR/AI-30, AR/AE, AR/AO, AR/AH, AR/A, VO or V1-30, VE, or V. For purposes of these regulations, the term “special flood hazard area” is synonymous in meaning with the phrase “area of special flood hazard”.

STABLE, HORSE: An establishment offering boarding, breeding, and other related services for five or more horses. This use customarily includes barns, arenas, trails, paddocks, courses, and accessory storage.

STADIUM: See Coliseum.

START OF CONSTRUCTION: for purposes of floodplain management determines the effective map or bylaw that regulated development in the Special Flood Hazard Area. The “start of construction” includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footing, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, regardless whether that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein.

STORY: That part of any building, exclusive of cellars but inclusive of basements, comprised between the level of one (1) finished floor and the level of the next higher finished floor, or; if there be no higher finished floor, then the part of the building comprised between the level of the highest finished floor and the top of the roof beams. (See Appendix B Diagram).

STORY HALF: Any space partially within the roof framing where the clear height of not more than 50% of such space between the top of the floor beams and the structural ceiling level is seven (7) ft. six (6) inches or more. (See Appendix B Diagram).

STREET: Any road, highway, avenue, street, parkway, lane or other way between right of way lines, commonly used by the public for vehicular traffic.

STREET, MINOR: Those private and public streets not included as Arterial or Collector Highways.

STRUCTURE: Any construction, erection, assemblage or other combination of materials upon the land, including but not limited to, buildings, mobile homes, swimming pools, tennis courts, antennas, satellite dishes not exceeding 3 feet in diameter, gas/liquid storage tanks, utility sheds, trailers, billboards, signs, walls or fences over four feet in height, or fences and walls opaque in nature. A structure may be erected for use, occupancy, or ornamentation, and the use of which requires permanent or temporary location on, above, or below the surface of the ground or water. By definition, all buildings are structures, but not all structures are buildings. All patios, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots shall be considered structures and require permits.

STRUCTURE, TEMPORARY: A structure without any foundations or footings and that is removed when the designated time period, activity, or use for which the temporary structure was erected has ceased. Tents larger than 150 square feet are specifically included within this definition. All temporary structures to remain over ten (10) consecutive days shall require a building permit as well as any other applicable permits.

STUDIO, RADIO & TELEVISION: A broadcasting facility for radio and / or television with accessory office space. A studio does not include towers, antennas, and dishes associated with transmitting station signals.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE: Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged conditions would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT: Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, alteration or other improvement of a structure, during any 5 year period, the cumulative cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specification which have been identified by the state or local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to ensure safe conditions, or any alteration of a “historic structure” provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “historic structure”. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein.

SUPERMARKET OR GROCERY STORE: See retail food establishment.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADEQUATE CAPACITY: Capacity is considered to be “adequate” if the grade of service is p.05 or better for a least 50% of the days in a preceding month, prior to the date of application, as measured using direct traffic measurement of the telecommunications facility in question, where the call blocking is due to frequency contention at the antenna(s).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADEQUATE COVERAGE: Coverage is “adequate” within that area surrounding a base station where the predicted or measured median field strength of the transmitted signal is such that the majority of the time, transceivers properly installed and operated will be able to communicate with the base station without objectionable noise (or excessive bit-error-rate for digital) and without calls being dropped. In the case of cellular communications in a rural environment, this would be signal strength of at least -90dBm. It is acceptable for there to be holes within the area of adequate coverage as long as the signal regains its strength further away from the base station. The outer boundary of the area of adequate coverage, however, is that location past which the signal does not regain.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALTERNATIVE DESIGN TOWER STRUCTURE: Artificial trees, clock towers, bell steeples, light poles, silos and similar alternative-design mounting structures that camouflage or conceal the presence of antennas or towers. (See also: Telecommunication Stealth Facility.)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA: A device which is attached to a tower or other structure for transmitting and receiving electromagnetic waves.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA HEIGHT: The vertical distance measured from the base of the antenna support structure at the average preconstruction grade to the highest point of the structure. If the support structure is on a sloped grade, then the average between the highest and lowest grades shall be used in calculating the antenna height.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE SPACE: The space on a tower or structure to which antennas of a telecommunications provider are both structurally able and electromagnetically able to be attached.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BASE STATION: The primary sending and receiving site in a telecommunications facility network. More than one base station and/or more than one variety of telecommunications providers can be located on a single tower or structure.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CELLULAR SERVICE: A telecommunications service that permits customers to use wireless, mobile telephones to connect, via low-power radio

transmission sites called cell sites, either to the public switched network or to other mobile cellular phones.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CELLULAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS: A commercial Low Power Mobile Radio Service bandwidth licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to providers in a specific geographical area in which the radio frequency spectrum is divided into discrete channels which are assigned in groups to geographic cells within a service area and which are capable of being reused in different cells within the service area.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CELLULAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: A cellular telecommunications facility consists of the equipment and structures at a particular site involved in receiving telecommunication or radio signals from mobile radio communications sources and transmitting those signals to a central switching computer which connects the mobile unit with the land-based telephone lines.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL: The segment of the radiation spectrum to or from an antenna, which carries one signal. An antenna may radiate on many channels simultaneously.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COLLOCATION: Locating wireless communications equipment from more than one provider on a single site.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMUNICATION TOWER: A guyed, monopole, or self-supporting vertical structure, constructed as a free standing structure or in association with a building, other permanent structure or equipment, containing one or more antennas intended for transmitting and/or receiving television, AM/FM radio, digital, microwave, cellular, telephone, or similar forms of electronic communication.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMERCIAL SATELLITE DISH: A satellite dish over three feet in diameter used for a communications transmission system.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA: An antenna or array of antennas designed to concentrate a radio signal in a particular area.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ELECTROMAGNETICALLY ABLE: The determination that the signal from and to the proposed new antenna will not significantly interfere with the existing signals from and to other facilities or antennas located on the same tower or structure as determined by a qualified professional telecommunications engineer. The use of available technologies to alleviate such interference shall be considered when making this determination.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: All equipment (including repeaters) and locations of equipment with which a telecommunications provider transmits and receives the waves which carry their services regardless of height. This facility may be sited on

one or more towers or structure(s) owned and permitted by the provider or another owner or entity.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCY: The number of cycles completed each second by an electromagnetic wave measured in Hertz (Hz).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONITORING: The measurement, by the use of instruments in the field, of non-ionizing radiation exposure from telecommunications facilities, towers, antennas or repeaters.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONITORING PROTOCOL: The testing protocol, such as the Cobbs Protocol (or one substantially similar, including compliance determined in accordance with the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, Reports 86 and 119), which is to be used to monitor the emissions and determine exposure risk from telecommunications facilities.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONOPOLE: A single self-supporting vertical pole with no guy wire anchors, usually consisting of a galvanized or other unpainted metal, or a wooden pole with below grade foundations.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICES: Commercial mobile services, unlicensed wireless exchange access services. These services include cellular services, personal communications services, specialized mobile radio services, and paging services.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPEATER: A small receiver/relay transmitter and antenna of relatively low power output designed to provide service to areas which are not able to receive adequate coverage directly from a base or primary station.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS STEALTH FACILITY: Any communications facility which is designed to blend into the surrounding environment. Examples include architecturally screened roof-mounted antennas, building-mounted antennas painted to match the existing structure, antennas integrated into architectural elements, and antenna structures designed to look like light poles.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURALLY ABLE: The determination that a tower or structure is capable of carrying the load imposed by the proposed new antennas under all reasonable predictable conditions as determined by professional structural engineering analysis.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM: The communications transmission system operated by a telecommunications service provider in the municipality or region.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TEMPORARY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY: Any tower, pole, antenna, etc., designed for use while a permanent wireless

facility is under construction, or for a special event or conference where a majority of people attending are wireless users.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS VIEW CORRIDOR: A three-dimensional area extending out from a viewpoint. The width of the view corridor depends on the focus of the view. The focus of the view may be a single object, such as a mountain, which would result in a narrow corridor, or a group of objects, such as a downtown skyline, which would result in a wide corridor. Panoramic views have very wide corridors and may include a 360-degree perspective. Although the view corridor extends from the viewpoint to the focus of the view, the mapped portion of the corridor extends from the viewpoint and is based on the area where base zone heights must be limited in order to protect the view.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHIP ANTENNA: A vertical antenna that normally transmits signals in 360 degrees. Whip antennas are typically cylindrical in shape, narrow (less than 6 inches in diameter) and long (often measure 18 inches in height or more). Also called omnidirectional, stick or pipe antennas.

THEATER: An establishment for dramatic, dance, musical, or other live performances.

TOWER: A structure on which transmitting and/or receiving antenna (e) are located. Such antenna (e) may be used for commercial, industrial, municipal, county or state telecommunication purposes. Such structure may be a purpose-built free-standing tower, guyed tower, monopole, camouflaged or “stealth” design tower, a roof with mounted antenna (e), or any building façade of steeple, water tower, silo, sign, or other similar structure.

TOWN HALL: An establishment used for municipal services such as general office space, meeting facilities, and related storage.

TRAIN STATION: An establishment primarily engaged in furnishing passenger train transportation. A train station is customarily a fully enclosed structure. A train station may include accessory retail.

TRAIN YARD: A lot, establishment, or area engaged primarily in freight train service, unloading, loading, storage, repair, and maintenance. This use customarily does not have structures. An area with more than two track lines running through it that is not a train station, as herein defined, shall be considered a train yard.

TRANSFER STATION: An intermediate destination for solid waste or recyclable materials. Solid waste or recyclable materials shall not be stored on site for more than one month. Walk-in and delivery services are customary. This use shall include drop-off recycling terminals.

TRAVEL TRAILER: A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel and recreational purposes, having a body width not exceeding eight (8) ft.

USE, ACCESSORY: A use which is incidental to, customarily found in connection with, and located on the same lot as, the principal use to which it is related. When “accessory” is used in this text, it shall have the same meaning as accessory use. An accessory use includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Swimming pools for the use of the occupants of a residence, or their guests.
- (b) Domestic or agricultural storage in a barn, shed, tool room, or similar accessory building or other structure.
- (c) Storage of merchandise normally carried in stock in connection with an establishment, unless such storage is excluded in the applicable regulations.
- (d) Storage of goods used in or produced by industrial uses or related activities unless such storage is excluded in the applicable district regulations.
- (e) Accessory off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, subject to the parking regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
- (f) Uses incidental to a main use such as, but not limited to: offices of an establishment located on the site of the establishment.
- (g) Accessory off-street loading, subject to the off-street loading regulations for the district in which the lot is located.

USE, PRINCIPAL: A use listed in the Table of Permissible Uses.

VARIANCE: An allowed deviation from specific requirements pertaining to a district granted by the Development Review Board to an applicant pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4469.

VETERINARY CLINIC: An establishment where animals are given medical care and the boarding of animals is limited to short-term care incidental to the medical care received. A veterinary clinic customarily has outside amenities such as dog runs and paddocks for large animals such as horses, cows, llamas, etc.

VIOLATION: The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with these regulations herein. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44 CFR 60.3 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided. This definition shall only pertain to Section 6.03, Flood Plain District, herein.

WAREHOUSING: The indoor storage of goods, materials, and merchandise for shipment to or processing on another property. Warehousing shall exclude distribution and truck terminal facilities. No outside storage is allowed.

WHOLESALE SALES: An establishment engaged in selling goods, products, material, and merchandise stored on the premises to retailers or persons who are the intermediaries between the producer and the consumer; to industrial, commercial, institutional or

professional business users; to other wholesalers; or acting as agents or brokers and buying merchandise for, or selling merchandise to, such individuals or companies.

WIND TURBINE: A device which converts the kinetic energy of the wind into a useable form of electrical energy. Wind turbines shall also include all accessory structures required for the function thereof.

YARD: The open spaces on a lot unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward except as otherwise provided in this regulation and as defined herein (See also Appendix B Diagrams):

- (a) **Front Yard:** An open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest line of the main building.
- (b) **Rear Yard:** An open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the nearest line of the main building.
- (c) **Side Yard:** An open space between a main building and the side lot line extending from the front yard to the rear yard, the width of which is the horizontal distance from the nearest point of the side lot to the nearest point of the main building.